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The Honorable Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable James B. Black
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

The Honorable Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Office Building, Room 301
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Senator Basnight, Speaker Black, Speaker Morgan, and Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations:

As you may know, the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) participates in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. The SBI is grateful for the availability of federal forfeiture funds to enhance our law enforcement capabilities. We are attempting to maximize the purchasing power of these federal forfeiture funds by using them as matching funds for various federal grant programs. Your support of these important efforts is greatly appreciated.

Pursuant to applicable law, the SBI reports its intent to use federal forfeiture funds for the following purposes:



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ITEM	AMOUNT
25% Matching Funds for a \$ 15,516.00 grant for training for SBI polygraph operators. The state match is \$ 3,879.00.	\$3,879.00
25% Matching Funds for a \$396,400.00 grant for equipment and supplies to support the new DNA agent positions. The state match is \$ 98,100.00.	\$98,100.00
25% Matching Funds for a \$62,576.00 grant in FY 04 and a \$62,576.00 grant in FY 05 new equipment for SBI Crime Scene Search Specialists. The state match for FY 04 is \$15,644.00 and is \$15,644.00 in FY 05.	\$15,644.00 FY 04 \$15,644.00 FY 05
25% Matching Funds for a \$892,740.00 grant in FY 04 and a \$ 683,400.00 grant in FY 05 to purchase methamphetamine response vehicles, equipment and supplies. The state match is \$223,185.00 in FY 04 and \$ 170,850.00 in FY 05.	\$223,185.00 FY 04 \$ 170,850.00 FY 05
TOTAL – FY 04	\$ 340,800.00 FY 04
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 340,800.00 Total

As of January 9, 2004 the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$481,068.00. If these expenditures are made, there will be a new balance in this fund of \$140,268.00.

Sincerely,

Robin Pendergraft
Director

Matching Funds for the SBI Polygraph Child Sex Offender Program

The SBI has applied for a \$ 15,516.00 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission to train 9 polygraph examiners at the American Polygraph Associations *Polygraph Post-Conviction Sex Offender Testing* course. This course will give SBI polygraph operators new skills and insights in understanding sex offenders. Approximately 20% of the examinations they conduct are of child sex assault offenders. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 3,879.00

Matching Funds for the SBI DNA Expansion Project

The SBI has applied for a \$ 396,400.00 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission to purchase equipment and supplies to support 10 new positions created by the General Assembly to work rape cases without suspects, to reduce the backlog of an estimated 20,000 untested rape cases, and to test the DNA samples from convicted felons. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 98,100.00

Matching Funds for the SBI Crime Scene Search Project

The SBI has applied for a \$ 62,576.00 grant in FY 04 and a \$ 62,576.00 grant in FY 05 from the Governor's Crime Commission to purchase a mini-crimescope and AIMS crime survey unit in each District of the state. The mini-crimescope will be invaluable in detecting trace amounts of body fluids and can also be used to detect latent prints when a fluorescent powder is used. The AIMS units are useful in laying out grid search patterns using Global Positioning Software and laser beams. This unit will be invaluable at all outdoor searches and in mass casualty events. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 15,644.00 in FY 04 and \$ 15,644.00 in FY 05.

Matching Funds for the SBI Methamphetamine Initiative

The SBI has applied for a \$ 893,740.00.00 grant in FY 04 from the Governor's Crime Commission to purchase three response vehicles, scientific equipment for the trucks, and personal protective gear to place strategically around the state to deal with the increasing number of methamphetamine labs. In FY 05 the SBI has applied for an additional \$ 683,400.00 to complete the task of purchasing and equipping a response vehicle in every district of the state. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 223,185.00 in FY 04 and \$ 170,850.00 in FY 05.