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Senator Scott Thomas
Representative William Culpepper
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Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

North Carolina General Assembly
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

RE: Report on Use of Federally Forfeited Assets

Dear Gentlemen:

As you 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 make every attempt to maximize the benefit of these federal forfeiture funds to the advantage of law enforcement across North Carolina.

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

ITEM	AMOUNT
Planning, design and general construction costs related to the expansion of the SBI Garner Road Crime Laboratory	\$ 850,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 850,000.00



As you are well aware, the SBI Crime Laboratory and its personnel provide critical analysis of crime scene evidence for state and local law enforcement agencies across North Carolina. Your support of this important effort is greatly appreciated and will go along way towards enhancing North Carolina's law enforcement capabilities.

As of October 18, 2005, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$875,031. With the expenditure commitment of \$850,000 described above, there will be a new balance in this fund of \$25,031.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Hyman", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Kristi Hyman
Chief of Staff

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cc: Robin Pendergraft, SBI Director
V. Lee Allen, Assistant Director
Greg McLeod, Legislative Liaison
Denise Thomas, Fiscal Research
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