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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

Dear Senator Basnight, Speaker Black, 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 grant programs and equipment. 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:

ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<u>25% Match for the Information Sharing And Analysis Center (ISAAC) Grant:</u> - The matching funds will be used for additional equipment, Operational Security (OPSEC), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) training for ISAAC personnel and travel.	\$42,133.00
<u>25% Match DNA Enhancement Grant:</u> - The matching funds will aid in collection & storage of convicted offender samples while allowing the laboratory to process samples in-house. It will allow the SBI to purchase supplies needed to prepare liquid bloodstains received by the DNA Database Unit. The funds will also be used to purchase kits to aid Sheriff's Offices in collection of samples and to perform in-house genetic analysis of over 5000 convicted offender samples.	\$23,100.00



<u>25% Match Pseudoephedrine Tracking Grant</u> : - The matching funds will allow for the tracking of Pseudoephedrine sold by wholesalers to retailers in North Carolina in compliance with new state legislation aimed at combating the spread of clandestine methamphetamine production laboratories.	\$18,441.00
<u>Radio Communication System Lease</u> : The SBI and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission share a common radio communication system, with an integral dispatch system. This system provides both agencies with statewide communications capabilities. This cost is the Bureau's 2006-2007 portion of the lease for the towers that house the repeaters across the state.	\$45,000.00
<u>Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)</u> : The SBI is nationally accredited by CALEA. These funds are needed to pay for the cost of the accreditation, travel expenses for the assessors, and other expenses associated with the ongoing re-accreditation process.	\$19,000.00
<u>Markings and Lights for Crime Scene/Arson/Emergency Response Vehicles</u> : This is a required and basic safety feature for our Crime Scene Agents and the motoring public to ensure our vehicles are clearly visible when responding to an emergency, crime scene or road hazard.	\$20,000.00
<u>Security Upgrades and Enhancements for the SBI Headquarters Exterior, Foyer Entrance, and Conference Room</u> : The security upgrades and enhancements will allow State Capitol Police to monitor the HQ exterior and lobby areas remotely from the Crime Laboratory facility where a State Capitol Police Officer is already stationed. It will also harden the exterior of the facility limiting vehicle access. Additionally; the security upgrades will increase protection for the main receiving and receptionist areas used by the general public by hardening the structure and adding bulletproof glass. Upgrades to the conference room will allow the room to be multifunctional.	\$94,957.00
<u>Upgrade Trainers Laptops and Projectors</u> : (8 of each) The laptop computers and projectors will be used to replace old antiquated equipment that will not support existing needs or current software. This equipment will be used by Training Specialists who conduct DCI and other specialized training for local law enforcement agencies throughout North Carolina.	\$24,000.00
<u>Scanners for Compliance Auditors</u> : The Scanners will be used to replace old antiquated equipment that will not support existing needs. This equipment will be used by Auditors who conduct DCI audits mandated by the federal government for local law enforcement agencies throughout North Carolina.	\$3,000.00
<u>Southern Piedmont District Office Telephone System</u> : The current telephone system is in very poor condition and does not adequately meet the current demands. Additional lines and upgraded features are needed to ensure prompt return of service calls.	\$25,000.00
<u>Heavy Duty Shredder for the Training Section</u> : The heavy duty shredder that was being used is now broken and is not able to be repaired. Large amounts of old and outdated training materials and academy procedures must be destroyed on a routine basis. This heavy duty shredder will allow quick destruction of documents affording the Training Section staff more time to conduct training.	\$1,400.00

<u>28 Handheld GPS Systems for the Field Districts:</u> The GPS systems are full featured car navigational systems that can be moved from vehicle to vehicle. These systems will be used to locate addresses and will be used during surveillance. While following vehicles, these systems will display streets and intersections before the vehicle being followed approaches a specific location/intersection.	\$12,800.00
<u>Two High Speed, High Volume Copying Systems:</u> Due to recent open file discovery laws and processing procedures, the volume of copying requirements has significantly increased for the Records Center. The Center's primary copier was purchased in 1996 and is worn out and needs to be replaced. It has exceeded the copy count, requires frequent maintenance, and parts are not available in inventory.	\$22,776.00
<u>Approximately 15 Laptop Computers:</u> The laptop computers will be used to replace old antiquated equipment that will not support existing needs or current software.	\$25,000.00
<u>Fifteen 8Gb Flash Drives:</u> As a result of the new Open File Discovery Law, the Polygraph Unit is now archiving and maintaining an electronic copy of all polygraph charts produced during examinations. The flash drives will provide each examiner (full and part-time) additional storage space and will be used to backup and archive all hard drive files.	\$3,885.00
<u>17 High Output Flashlights:</u> The Crime Scene Search Specialists require long lasting, high output lighting devices to thoroughly conduct crime scene searches. These lights will replace existing equipment that fails to provide enough operating time, between charges, to satisfy the demanding needs of the these specialists.	\$3,230.00
<u>34 Laser Range Finders:</u> This handheld laser measuring device would provide the Crime Scene Search Specialists and Arson Agents with the ability to collect accurate measurements of up to 1/16 of an inch out to a distance of 600 feet. Such detailed recording and reporting is critical to accurate documentation and reconstruction of crime scenes.	\$28,800.00
<u>10 Sets of Crime Scene Resource Textbooks:</u> This printed resource material is required for participation in the Crime Scene Certification program produced by the International Association for Identification. Bureau Crime Scene Search Specialists will be participating in this certification program and need access to this material to assure best practices are being followed. One set will be assigned to each of the eight field district offices with the two remaining sets being assigned to the crime laboratory and training section.	\$3,858.00
<u>Certification of Crime Scene Search Specialists:</u> All SBI Crime Scene Search Specialists will participate in the Crime Scene Certification program produced by the International Association for Identification. Funding is necessary for membership in the program and testing costs.	\$3,570.00
<u>Two Copiers:</u> One for DECU Raleigh Office and one for DECU – Greensboro Office. DECU – Raleigh does not have one at all. The copier at the DECU Office in Greensboro is very old and the maintenance contract is very costly because of the difficulty in finding parts.	\$12,500.00

<u>Aircraft Engine for Cessna 210R</u> : The engine in the Cessna 210R aircraft is very old and is in need of replacement. This is a flight safety issue.	\$58,000.00
<u>Surveillance Software Upgrades</u> : Software upgrades will guarantee the SBI the latest information and configurations for surveillance systems. Telecommunication companies are constantly changing their configurations and new companies are being created daily. These software technical updates include dial in remote technical support, 24/7 support during surveillance operations, and 24/7 - 365 days per year emergency telephone support.	\$26,000.00
<u>Office furniture</u> : The furniture is needed for the Special Operations Office in Raleigh and Greensboro.	\$6,500.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$522,950.00

As of August 17, 2006, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$781,950.30. The SBI is requesting permission to commit \$522,950.00 leaving a balance of \$259,000.30 in our asset forfeiture account.

Sincerely,



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Director

cc: Denise Thomas, NCGA Fiscal Research Division
Nels Roseland, NCDOJ, Deputy Chief of Staff
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