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

The Honorable Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight, Speaker Hackney, 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. Your support of these important efforts is greatly appreciated.

As of October 19, 2009, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$1,534,244.52. The SBI reports its intent to use \$1,263,782.25 leaving a balance of \$270,462.27 in our asset forfeiture account.

Pursuant to applicable law, the SBI reports its intent to use federal forfeiture funds as listed on the following pages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kristi Hyman", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Kristi Hyman
Chief of Staff

ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<u>Methamphetamine Precursor Reporting System Grant Matching Funds:</u> 25% Matching Funds for a \$47,849.01 grant in FY 2009 / 2010 that will allow the SBI to develop / field an electronic reporting system for pseudoephedrine sales in NC.	\$11,692.25
<u>Specialized Training:</u> These funds will be used for specialized training and equipment required for professional development and / or certification required for SBI employees.	\$100,000.00
<u>SBI Replacement Equipment:</u> includes – cameras for drug investigations, crime scene documentation and surveillance; polygraph equipment; LCD projector and bulb replacement. Additionally, office equipment and supplies are needed to replace aging and inefficient items that support operational functions in across divisions.	\$195,740.00
<u>UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply):</u> Replacement of UPS supporting SAFIS workstations located in CIIS unit. Current UPS was installed in 1987 and vendor can no longer guarantee repair parts availability.	\$35,000.00
<u>SBI Upgrades:</u> Completion of project to SBI Main Building - includes asbestos containment component. Establishment of wireless connectivity for the renovated office space located on the SBI Campus.	\$100,000.00
<u>Crime Laboratory Video Surveillance System:</u> Replacement of aging video surveillance cameras monitoring exterior of state Crime Laboratory. Current cameras are 15 years old and have exceeded their life cycle.	\$40,000.00
<u>SBI Agent Weapon Replacement:</u> These funds will be used for replacement of approximately 375 handguns comprising the primary duty weapon of sworn special agents of the NCSBI. Current weapons are approximately 10 years old. Funds will also be used to purchase rifles to equip selected special agents and members of the Special Response Team (SRT). Purchase will involve the trade-in of existing handguns and rifles, thereby reducing the overall cost.	\$305,000.00
<u>Global Positioning Systems (GPS):</u> 25 GPS units are needed for agents assigned to Field Division. These are for investigative documentation and coordination. Additionally, ten GPS units are necessary for improving effectiveness of crime scene investigations conducted in the field. One GPS unit to equip second CIIS vehicle with GPS allowing auditors travelling throughout state to efficiently plot most economical and timely route to destination agencies.	\$10,000.00
<u>Technical Equipment and Maintenance of Aircraft:</u> Funding supports periodic inspections and routine maintenance.	\$80,000.00
<u>2007 Vehicle Payoff:</u> Through participating in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the US DOJ and US Department of Treasury, the SBI will receive ownership of a 2007 vehicle. The funds will be used to pay the remaining balance of the vehicle.	\$16,350.00
<u>Primary & Disaster Data Storage Project:</u> SAN (Secure Area Network) storage (1.6 Terabytes) to comply with state ITS architecture plan for primary and Disaster Recovery sites.	\$20,000.00
<u>Drug Toxicology Equipment:</u> funds will be used to purchase crime laboratory equipment to expedite the analysis of drug toxicology cases submitted by state and local law enforcement. The crime laboratory has experienced 30 percent increase in submissions in this area.	\$350,000.00
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	\$1,263,782.25