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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 5, 2010, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$734,350.85. The SBI reports its intent to use \$491,838.00 leaving a balance of \$242,512.85 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,

Gregory S. McLeod
Director



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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<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>Wireless Detection Devices:</u> Wireless storage devices are becoming commonplace in child exploitation searches. This device will enable the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) to determine if a particular residence has a wireless router and / or wireless hard drives hidden remotely from the computer area. These devices will be of benefit in the investigation of child exploitation cases.	\$4,000.00
<u>Personal Protective Clothing:</u> Replace outdated chemical protective outerwear for Arson and Clan Lab Response Agents. Currently issued clothing has reached the end of its useable life cycle and replacement is made in the interest of officer safety.	\$38,000.00
<u>BW Tech Gas Alert Micro PID:</u> Clandestine Laboratory Response Program must replace air monitors used for clan lab assessments. Original units were purchased in 2001-2002. It will cost more to update and replace sensors than to purchase new PID Air Monitoring Units. Additionally, the new units are less expensive to maintain. Components requiring replacement include BW Tech MicroDock II Automated Gas Detector Docking Station, TRI PV375 Ultra Compact Power Inverter, and Pelican 1600 Hard Case.	\$11,338.00
<u>High End Digital Cameras – Crime Scene & Arson Investigators:</u> Purchase approximately eight digital cameras for photographic documentation of crime & arson scenes, surveillance sites, and environmental law violations by special agents.	\$32,000.00
<u>Moveable & Replaceable Equipment:</u> Equipment needed to replace aging and inefficient items that support operational functions in the various divisions (Field, Special Operations, Professional Standards, Crime Lab, and Administration).	\$100,000.00
<u>Crisis Negotiator Throw Phone Upgrade:</u> Upgraded throw phone systems featuring video capabilities to enhance officer safety and evidence gathering during hostage and barricaded subject situations.	\$15,000.00
<u>Armourer Equipment:</u> Trailer equipped with weapons cleaning and maintenance accessories allowing the Bureau's assigned armourer to conduct mobile maintenance, service and training statewide at SBI facilities. This equipment will lower the cost of weapons qualification by reducing travel costs to the SBI.	\$40,000.00

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<u>Weapons Security Upgrades for Vehicles:</u> Weapons storage containers for Bureau-issued vehicles of Special Response Team (SRT) members. Containers will provide weapons security for SRT members and increase team's ability to quickly deploy 24/7 on callouts.	\$25,000.00
<u>Pen-Link Software:</u> Updates, upgrades, and support for electronic intercept software.	\$118,000.00
<u>Crime Scene Sketching Software:</u> Acquisition of ScenePD software allowing Crime Scene and Arson Investigators to digitally detail a crime scene with an easy-to-use program requiring minimal training time. Multiple licenses are included.	\$8,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$491,838.00