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2020 Seizure and Forfeiture Activity Report C.R.S. 16-13-701 (8)

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To:

The Honorable Jared Polis
Governor of Colorado

The Honorable Phil Weiser
Colorado Attorney General

Members of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees
Colorado General Assembly

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Overview

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs is providing this 2020 Seizure and Forfeiture Activity Report to the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives pursuant to 16-13-701(8) C.R.S. (2020). This report is the Department's second under the Civil Forfeiture Reform Act.

The Civil Forfeiture Reform Act, HB17-1313, was enacted on August 9, 2017 and requires State and local agencies authorized to effect civil forfeitures to biannually report:

- Specified information, if known, about forfeiture cases resulting in proceeds for the agency
- The amount of proceeds received from such cases
- A categorization of the expenditure of proceeds
- The retained balance of the forfeiture proceeds

The reporting process is online with public access to all reported information available on the Department's website.

Confidential Reporting

The Act does not require law enforcement agencies to report any information that

"is likely to disclose the identity of a confidential source; disclose confidential investigative or prosecution material that could endanger the life or physical safety of any person; disclose the existence of a confidential surveillance or investigation; or disclose techniques or procedures for law enforcement procedures, investigation, or prosecutions..."

Therefore, agency information reported as confidential may not be included in this report.

Changes to Reporting from HB18-1020

Based on recommendations from the Governor's HB1313 Task Force December 1, 2017 report, the subsequent passage of HB18-1020 modified certain aspects of the reporting process as originally defined in HB17-1313. The Act's reporting process was modified to:

- Expand the scope of reported assets and cases to include those forfeited pursuant to "any local public nuisance law or ordinance"
- Refine expenditure categories by adding "Disbursements" to itemize forfeiture proceeds disbursed or transferred to other agencies belonging to a multi-jurisdictional task force
- Clarify the statutory reference for agencies required to report forfeiture information from "Seizing Agency" to "Reporting Agency"

Following are summary tables of forfeiture activity for the prior fiscal year and the Department's recommendations to improve future reporting. Further details on reporting agencies' forfeiture proceeds and expenditures may be found in the exhibits section in this report. Individual agency reports may be obtained from the Departments website. For the purpose of this report, all dollar amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Summary of Reporting

State and local agencies authorized to effect Civil Seizure and Forfeiture are required to report forfeiture information for the reporting period in which the disposition of the case and associated assets is completed and a federal, state, or local forfeiture is awarded.

Below in Table (I) is a summary of the reports received, the number of cases disposed, the value of assets forfeited, and the forfeiture proceeds received by reporting period in the prior fiscal year. For the fiscal year, 379 agencies filed a report, 44 (12%) agencies reported forfeiture information while 335 (88%) agencies reported no proceeds, expenditures, or retained balances of proceeds in the fiscal year. For further detail by agency, see Exhibit A.

Table (I): Number of reports and cases; type, approximate value, and disposition of all property seized for the prior fiscal year; and the amount of forfeiture proceeds received.			
Agency Reporting Period	January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019	July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	Fiscal Year Totals
Report Due Date	December 1, 2019	June 1, 2020	
Number of Reports Received	379	379	758
Agencies reporting no proceeds, no expenditures, and no retained proceeds	311	308	619
Forfeiture Cases Reported:			
Federal Cases:	29	178	207
State Cases:	288	274	562
Local Cases:	11	6	17
Unknown:	0	10	10
None:	2	1	3
Type of Assets Forfeited			
Currency Assets:	\$2,818,603*	\$21,345,417*	\$25,308,020
Non-Currency Assets:	159,886*	\$984,864*	\$1,194,025
Value of Assets:			
	\$2,978,489*	\$22,330,281*	\$26,502,045
Totals Forfeiture Proceeds Received			\$3,468,824

* Per C.R.S. 16-13-701 (7)(b) data has been deemed confidential and not included in this report.

State and local agencies are also required to report a categorized accounting of all forfeiture proceeds expended for the prior fiscal year and total balance of retained forfeiture proceeds. For further detail by agency, see Exhibit B.

Table II: Categorized accounting of all forfeiture proceeds expended by the state and any subdivision of the state for the prior fiscal year and total balance of retained forfeiture proceeds.			
Agency Reporting Period	January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019	July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	Fiscal Year Totals
Category of Expenditure			
(A) Prevention Programs	\$186,798	\$140,396	\$327,194
(B) Victim Services:	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$30,000
(C) Informant / Controlled Buys:	\$11,457	\$300	\$11,757
(D) Employee Compensation:	\$171,591	\$116,870	\$288,461
(E) Professional Services:	\$101,168	\$83,741	\$184,909
(F) Travel and Training:	\$475,897	\$356,142	\$832,039
(G) Operating Expenses:	\$308,113	\$229,986	\$538,099
(H) Capital, Vehicles, Equipment:	\$1,107,655	\$584,396	\$1,692,051
(I) Other Expenditure:	\$503,160	\$3,178,057	\$3,681,217
Transfers/Disbursements to Partner Agencies:	\$716	\$295,876	\$296,592
Total Expenditures Reported	\$2,891,555	\$4,990,764	\$7,882,319
Total Retained Proceeds - End of Fiscal Year Balance			
			\$28,127,424

Recommendations to improve statute and reporting compliance

No Recommendations for this report.

Exhibit A - Agency details for number cases; type, approximate value, and disposition of all property seized for the prior fiscal year; and the amount of forfeiture proceeds received

Agency:	Case Count	Asset Count	Asset Type (Currency)	Asset Type (Property Other than Currency)	Total Asset Value	Forfeiture Proceeds Received
18th Judicial District Attorney's Office	15	15	\$21,721	\$0	\$21,721	\$12,906
1st Judicial District Attorney's Office	18	27	\$151,953	\$15,462	\$167,415	\$16,333
4th Judicial District Attorney's Office	26	26	\$190,570	\$0	\$190,570	\$102,625
8th Judicial District Attorney's Office	18	18	\$188,529	\$82,658	\$271,187	\$5,873
Adams County	19	209	\$4,919,426	\$14	\$4,919,440	\$31,676
Arapahoe County	6	6	\$812,332	\$0.00	\$812,332	\$90,977
Arvada, City of	2	2	\$9,928	\$0	\$9,928	\$2,703
Boulder County	4	5	\$16,039	\$2,000	\$18,039	\$9,652
Boulder County Drug Task Force	1	1	\$2,477	\$0	\$2,477	\$2,477
Brighton, City of	12	12	\$9,190	\$1,698	\$10,888	\$10,888
Broomfield, City and County of	18	18	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$23,582
Colorado Parks and Wildlife	7	0	\$0	\$6,096	\$6,096	\$2,736
Colorado Springs Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division Taskforce	24	64	\$136,049	\$0	\$136,049	\$60,987
Colorado Springs, City of	4	6	\$457,520	\$0	\$457,520	\$78,561
Colorado State Patrol	18	18	\$569,943	\$722	\$570,665	\$74,886
Cortez, City of	1	1	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Crested Butte, Town of	1	1	\$1,812	\$0	\$1,812	\$1,812
Douglas County	4	4	\$146,057	\$49,275	\$195,332	\$19,948
Douglas County Impact Unit	2	2	\$3,590	\$8,794	\$12,384	\$3,111
Durango, City of	1	1	\$0	\$4,163	\$4,163	\$4,163
El Paso County	3	4	\$450,236	\$0	\$450,236	\$46,988
Englewood, City of	7	9	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$9,089
Evans, City of	1	1	\$17,154	\$0	\$17,154	\$17,154
Federal Heights, City of	9	41	\$25,887	\$0	\$25,887	\$5,717
Golden, City of	1	1	\$937	\$0	\$937	\$937
Granby, Town of	3	9	\$8,769	\$19,500	\$28,269	\$4,923

Agency:	Case Count	Asset Count	Asset Type (Currency)	Asset Type (Property Other than Currency)	Total Asset Value	Forfeiture Proceeds Received
Jefferson County	1	1	\$0	\$594	\$594	\$267
Lakewood, City of	1	1	\$0	\$207	\$207	\$207
Longmont, City of	1	1	\$1,584	\$0	\$1,584	\$1,584
Mesa County	1	1	\$254,080	\$0	\$254,080	\$203,264
Montezuma County	8	12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,065
North Metro Task Force	18	18	\$66,747	\$9,121	\$75,868	\$33,797
Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (NCDTF)	20	22	\$926,581	\$0	\$926,581	\$300,711
Northglenn, City of	15	15	\$13,350	\$0	\$13,350	\$13,350
Phillips County	1	1	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$200
Pueblo County	6	8	\$800,835	\$0	\$800,835	\$80,841
Pueblo, City of	13	13	\$848,716	\$0	\$848,716	\$236,043
Teller County	4	9	\$1,459,502	\$0	\$1,459,502	\$40,128
Weld County Drug Task Force	1	1	\$0	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$884
West Metro Drug Task Force	69	71	\$1,158,912	\$434,327	\$1,593,238	\$476,095
Westminster, City of	30	350	\$6,747,016	\$438,300	\$7,185,316	\$76,564
Grand Total	414*	1025*	\$20,417,422*	\$1,081,731*	\$21,499,172*	\$2,109,704*

*Per C.R.S. 16-13-701 (7)(b) data has been deemed confidential and not included in this report.

Exhibit B: Detailed categorized accounting of all forfeiture proceeds expended by the state and any subdivision of the state for the prior fiscal year

Agency	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Ia	Ib	Totals
	Prevention Programs	Victim Services	Informants/ Controlled Buys	Employee Compensation	Professional Services	Travel and Training	Operating Expenses	Capital, Vehicles, Equipment	Other Expenditure	Transfers to Partner Agencies	
18th Judicial District Attorney's Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$239,348	-	-	\$239,348
1st Judicial District Attorney's Office	-	\$30,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,000	-	-	\$36,000
2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office	\$150,624	-	-	-	\$59,147	\$144,704	\$12,525	\$55,956	\$37,212	-	\$460,167
4th Judicial District Attorney's Office	-	-	-	\$5,593	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,593
8th Judicial District Attorney's Office	-	-	-	\$5,873	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,873
Aspen, City of	-	-	-	-	\$12,425	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,425
Avon, Town of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,000	-	-	\$6,000
Bayfield, Town of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,484	-	-	\$1,484
Boulder County	-	-	\$9,884	-	\$12,458	\$8,129	\$26,694	\$24,996	\$880	-	\$83,041
Broomfield, City and County of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$57,134	-	-	\$57,134
Canon City, City of	-	-	\$1,290	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,290
Colorado Department of Law, Colorado Attorney General's Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$92,423	-	-	\$92,423
Colorado Springs Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division Taskforce	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,125	\$27	-	\$14,524	-	\$18,676

Agency	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Ia	Ib	Totals
	Prevention Programs	Victim Services	Informants/ Controlled Buys	Employee Compensation	Professional Services	Travel and Training	Operating Expenses	Capital, Vehicles, Equipment	Other Expenditure	Transfers to Partner Agencies	
Colorado Springs, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15,000	\$333,011	-	-	\$348,011
Colorado State Patrol	-	-	-	-	-	\$101,351	\$2,370	\$160,344	\$378	-	\$264,443
Crested Butte, Town of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,182	-	-	\$1,182
Crestone, Town of	-	-	-	\$4,536	\$150	-	\$986	-	-	-	\$5,672
Denver, City And County of	\$150,624	-	-	-	-	\$450,528	\$5,857	\$189,241	\$37,212	-	\$833,462
Douglas County	-	-	-	-	-	\$57,984	\$778	\$281,951	\$21,129	-	\$361,841
Englewood, City of	-	-	-	-	\$898	-	-	-	\$873	-	\$1,771
Evans, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$11,640	-	-	\$11,640
Gilpin County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,900	-	-	\$4,900
Greeley, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$57,050	-	\$57,050
Greenwood Village, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,141	-	-	\$6,141
Jefferson County	-	-	\$284	-	-	\$9,476	-	-	\$25,000	-	\$34,759
La Plata County	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,864	-	\$6,600	-	-	\$10,464
Lakewood, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,082	-	-	\$12,082
Leadville, City of	-	-	-	\$10,000	-	\$5,000	\$1,000	-	-	-	\$16,000

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	Prevention Programs	Victim Services	Informants/ Controlled Buys	Employee Compensation	Professional Services	Travel and Training	Operating Expenses	Capital, Vehicles, Equipment	Other Expenditure	Transfers to Partner Agencies	
Longmont, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$514	-	-	-	\$514
Moffat, Town of	-	-	-	\$15,000	\$12,241	\$3,800	\$6,000	-	-	-	\$37,041
Montezuma County	\$25,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$25,025
Mountain View, Town of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,805	-	-	\$4,805
North Metro Task Force	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$40,320	-	-	\$8,648	\$48,968
Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (NCDTF)	-	-	-	-	\$200	\$1,000	\$11,547	\$19,005	\$1,700	-	\$33,452
Pueblo, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$61,111	\$65,457	-	-	\$126,568
Silverton, Town of	-	-	-	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	-	3,000,000	-	\$3,023,000
South Fork, Town of	-	-	-	\$143,460	\$11,960	1,998	\$13,883	\$8,760	\$14,998	-	\$195,059
Sugar City, Town of	-	-	-	\$100,000	-	-	\$2,000	-	-	-	\$102,000
Weld County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$49,130	-	-	\$49,130
Weld County Drug Task Force	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$11,179	-	\$11,179	\$287,944	\$310,302
West Metro Drug Task Force	-	-	-	-	\$63,430	\$37,285	\$321,308	\$4,995	\$459,032	-	\$886,049
Westminster, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$45,500	-	-	\$45,500
Wheat Ridge, City of	\$922	-	\$300	-	-	\$795	-	\$3,967	-	-	\$5,984
Williamsburg, Town of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$50	-	\$50

Agency	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Ia	Ib	Totals
	Prevention Programs	Victim Services	Informants/ Controlled Buys	Employee Compensation	Professional Services	Travel and Training	Operating Expenses	Capital, Vehicles, Equipment	Other Expenditure	Transfers to Partner Agencies	
Totals	\$327,194	\$30,000	\$11,757	\$288,461	\$184,909	\$832,038	\$538,099	\$1,692,052	\$3,681,217	\$296,592	\$7,882,319