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2021 Seizure and Forfeiture Activity Report C.R.S. 16-13-701 (8)

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To:

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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 2021 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. (2021). This report is the Department's third 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. Although C.R.S 16-13-701 (8)(a) calls for the summary of seizure and forfeiture activity throughout the state for the prior fiscal year, this report summarizes seizure and forfeiture activity throughout the state for the prior calendar year due to the fact that the fiscal year ends during an active reporting period for reporting agencies. This method of reporting seizure and forfeiture activity has been followed for prior reports to ensure the contents of each report are both secure and accurate.

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 year. For the fiscal year, 380 agencies filed a report, approximately 16% of agencies reported forfeiture information and approximately 84% of 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	01.01.2020 - 06.30.2020	07.01.2020 - 12.31.2020	Calendar Year Totals
Report Due Date	12.1.2020	6.1.2021	
Number of Reports Received	380	380	760
Reports by agencies with no proceeds, no expenditures, and no retained proceeds	315	319	634
Forfeiture Cases Reported:			
Federal Cases:	87	32	119
State Cases:	180	146	326
Local Cases:	1	4	5
Unknown:	4	2	6
None:	2	1	3
Type of Assets Forfeited			
Currency Assets:	\$13,908,101	\$2,472,404	\$16,380,504
Non-Currency Assets:	\$3,430,895	\$597,109	\$4,028,004
Value of Assets:	\$17,338,994	\$3,069,513	\$20,408,508
Totals Forfeiture Proceeds Received:	\$3,279,787	\$979,586,24	\$4,259,374

* 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	01.01.2020 - 06.30.2020	07.01.2020 - 12.31.2020	Fiscal Year Totals
Category of Expenditure			
(A) Prevention Programs	\$113,732	\$15,474	\$129,206
(B) Victim Services:	0	\$41,349	\$41,349
(C) Informant / Controlled Buys:	\$4,000	0	\$4,000
(D) Employee Compensation:	\$75,492	\$93,765	\$169,257
(E) Professional Services:	\$253,668	\$154,175	\$407,844
(F) Travel and Training:	\$70,811	\$159,265	\$230,076
(G) Operating Expenses:	\$359,437	\$499,130	\$858,567
(H) Capital, Vehicles, Equipment:	\$670,234	\$1,351,276	\$2,021,511
(I) Other Expenditure:	\$188,296	\$683,833	\$872,130
Transfers/Disbursements to Partner Agencies:	\$204,679	\$39,169	\$243,848
Total Expenditures Reported	\$1,940,349	\$3,037,436	\$4,977,788
Total Retained Proceeds - End of Fiscal Year Balance			\$25,619,122

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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	6	6	\$5,729	\$20,290	\$26,019	\$2,602
1st Judicial District Attorney's Office	5	14	\$142,204	\$13,901	\$156,105	\$15,611
2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office	91	97	\$409,535	\$36,118	\$445,653	\$193,457
4th Judicial District Attorney's Office	11	11	\$98,542	\$0	\$98,542	\$3,724
8th Judicial District Attorney's Office	22	22	\$135,721	\$0	\$135,721	\$5,099
Adams County	2	2	\$2,593	\$0	\$2,593	\$2,593
Arapahoe County	3	3	\$5,336	\$0	\$5,336	\$2,549
Arvada, City of	1	1	\$8,400	\$0	\$8,400	\$840
Aurora, City of	4	4	\$13,792	\$0	\$13,792	\$13,792
Boulder County	7	7	\$13,779	\$15,000	\$28,779	\$13,779
Brighton, City of	1	1	\$801	\$0	\$801	\$801
Broomfield, City and County of	4	4	\$37,325	\$0	\$37,325	\$39,001
Colorado Bureau of Investigation	1	1	\$2,438	\$0	\$2,438	\$2,438
Colorado Department of Law, Colorado Attorney General's Office	10	32	\$1,373,820	\$129,500	\$1,503,320	\$54,584
Colorado Parks and Wildlife	16	165	\$0	\$27,469	\$27,469	-

Agency:	Case Count	Asset Count	Asset Type (Currency)	Asset Type (Property Other than Currency)	Total Asset Value	Forfeiture Proceeds Received
Colorado Springs Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division Taskforce	10	19	\$95,927	\$0	\$95,927	\$39,252
Colorado Springs, City of	10	38	\$2,179,302	\$636,217	\$2,815,519	\$1,122,588
Colorado State Patrol	48	48	\$2,535,728	\$828,919	\$3,364,647	\$287,242
Denver, City And County of	58	58	\$987,861	\$58,700	\$1,046,561	\$316,883
Douglas County	2	2	\$36,000	\$53,000	\$89,000	\$14,128
Douglas County Impact Unit	2	2	\$5,563	\$0	\$5,563	\$5,754
El Paso County	9	31	\$2,133,766	\$612,417	\$2,746,183	\$389,541
Englewood, City of	4	4	\$491,395	\$6,362	\$497,757	\$39,004
Evans, City of	2	2	\$2,110	\$0	\$2,110	\$2,110
Greeley, City of	7	15	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,601
Greenwood Village, City of	3	3	\$4,367	\$0	\$4,367	\$12,867
Lakewood, City of	2	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$928
Longmont, City of	2	2	\$2,984	\$7,863	\$10,848	\$10,848
Mesa County	1	1	\$14,322	\$0	\$14,322	\$11,458
North Metro Task Force	14	14	\$74,126	\$0	\$74,126	\$32,263
Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (NCDTF)	35	35	\$719,699	\$93,439	\$813,138	\$813,138
Pueblo County	12	40	\$2,255,141	\$655,942	\$2,911,083	\$183,671

Agency:	Case Count	Asset Count	Asset Type (Currency)	Asset Type (Property Other than Currency)	Total Asset Value	Forfeiture Proceeds Received
Pueblo, City of	8	8	\$46,280	\$320,141	\$366,421	\$23,780
Teller County	4	8	\$55,043	\$292,652	\$347,695	\$10,216
Weld County	2	4	\$248,794	\$0	\$248,794	\$3,639
West Metro Drug Task Force	33	33	\$1,668,426	\$220,074	\$1,888,500	\$437,198
Westcliffe, Town of	1	1	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
Westminster, City of	6	8	\$573,655	\$0	\$573,655	\$111,398
Grand Total	459	748	\$16,380,504	\$4,028,004	\$20,408,508	\$4,259,374

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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	
10th Judicial District Attorney's Office	-	-	-	-	\$10,500	-	\$4,000	\$5,213	-	-	\$19,713
1st Judicial District Attorney's Office	-	\$41,349	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$41,349
2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office	\$72,340	-	-	-	\$1,200	\$10,656	\$121,856	-	\$8,777	\$72,337	\$287,166
4th Judicial District Attorney's Office	-	-	-	\$3,724	-	-	-	-	-	\$41,523	\$45,247
7th Judicial District Drug Task Force	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$35,000	-	\$35,000
8th Judicial District Attorney's Office	-	-	-	\$4,965	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,965
Arapahoe County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$175,000	-	-	\$175,000
Aspen, City of	-	-	-	-	\$21,975	-	-	-	-	-	\$21,975
Aurora, City of	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,475	\$72,275	-	-	-	\$75,750
Boulder County	-	-	-	-	\$2,499	\$1,352	\$57,354	\$11,610	\$400	-	\$73,215
Brighton, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$14,013	\$10,348	-	\$24,361

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Broomfield, City and County of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$13,036	-	-	\$13,036
Colorado Springs Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division Taskforce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$24,119	-	\$24,119
Colorado Springs, City of	-	-	-	-	\$80,640	-	\$18,000	\$193,348	-	-	\$291,988
Colorado State Patrol	-	-	-	\$354	-	\$104,066	\$50,125	\$611,558	-	-	\$766,103
Denver, City And County of	\$56,866	-	-	-	-	\$88,835	-	\$598,570	\$2,579	\$119,513	\$866,363
Douglas County	-	-	-	-	\$700	\$409	\$17,505	\$40,058	-	-	\$58,672
Durango, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$68,318	-	-	\$68,318
El Paso County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$169,632	-	\$169,632
Englewood, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$9,876	-	\$9,876
Federal Heights, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30,804	-	-	\$30,804
Fort Collins, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$14,851	-	-	\$14,851

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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	
Gilpin County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,500	-	-	\$2,500
Granby, Town of	-	-	-	\$0.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Greeley, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$65,828	-	\$65,828
Greenwood Village, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$36,779	-	-	\$36,779
Jefferson County	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,832	-	-	-	-	\$1,832
La Plata County	-	-	\$4,000	-	-	-	-	\$9,225	-	-	\$13,225
Lakewood, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$26,287	-	-	-	\$26,287
Longmont, City of	-	-	-	-	\$1,050	-	\$9,386	-	-	-	\$10,436
Mesa County	-	-	-	-	\$203,264	-	-	-	-	-	\$203,264
Metro Gang Task Force	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,235	\$9,212	-	\$95	-	\$10,542
Mountain View, Town of	-	-	-	-	\$249	\$123	-	\$2,436	-	-	\$2,808
Northglenn, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,536	\$1,536
North Metro Task Force	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$8,940	\$8,940

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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	
Olney Springs, Town of	-	-	-	\$0.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Phillips County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$485	\$480	-	\$965
Pueblo County	-	-	-	-	-	\$10,571	-	-	-	-	\$10,571
Pueblo, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$23,965	\$27,879	-	-	\$51,844
South Fork, Town of	-	-	-	\$160,214	\$10,682	\$2,915	\$58,439	-	-	-	\$232,250
Sterling, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,696	-	-	\$4,696
Summit County Committee on Disposition of Forfeited Property (Fifth Judicial District Task Force)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,982	-	-	\$1,982
Teller County	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,836	-	-	-	\$3,836
Weld County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$69,000	-	-	\$69,000
West Metro Drug Task Force	-	-	-	-	\$56,686	\$4,609	\$386,327	-	\$486,802	-	\$934,424

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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	
Westminster, City of	-	-	-	-	\$18,400	-	-	\$90,150	\$55,740	-	\$164,290
Totals	\$129,206	\$41,349	\$4,000	\$169,257	\$407,845	\$230,078	\$858,567	\$2,021,511	\$869,676	\$243,849	\$4,975,338

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