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Pursuant to Section (s.) 932.7061, Florida Statutes (F.S.), every law enforcement agency shall submit an annual report to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) by December 1, indicating whether the agency has seized or forfeited property under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act documenting the receipts and expenditures. The FDLE shall submit an annual report to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) compiling the information and data in the annual reports submitted by the law enforcement agencies.

Law Enforcement Agencies:

The FDLE Criminal Justice Professionalism Division, Officer Records Section identified a total of **402** active law enforcement agencies as of October 3, 2022. Of the 402 agencies, 9 agencies were not required to comply with the reporting requirement as they did not employ full-time law enforcement officers. A total of **393** agencies were required to comply with s. 932.7061, F.S.

Over 200 hundred law enforcement agencies did not submit the agency annual report by the prescribed December 1st deadline.

As required per statute, the 60-day grace period for law enforcement agencies to submit their report expired on February 13, 2023.

Chief Financial Officer Notification:

On March 9, 2023, the FDLE Office of Inspector General (OIG) notified the office of the Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Financial Services (DFS) of **forty-four** law enforcement agencies that failed to submit an annual report by the prescribed deadline in accordance with s. 932.7062, F.S. The agencies are identified below:

- Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
- Lauderhill Police Department
- Medley Police Department
- Apalachicola Police Department
- Astatula Police Department
- Bunnell Police Department
- Chattahoochee Police Department
- Chiefland Police Department
- Chipley Police Department
- Clewiston Police Department
- Crestview Police Department
- Duval County School Police Department
- El Portal Police Department
- Fellsmere Police Department
- Florida Department of Corrections – Office of Inspector General
- Graceville Police Department
- Havana Police Department
- Holmes Beach Police Department
- Holmes County Sheriff's Office
- Indian Creek Village Police Department
- Indian River Shores Public Safety Department
- Jackson County Sheriff's Office
- Jasper Police Department
- Lake City Police Department
- Liberty County Sheriff's Office



- Lynn Haven Police Department
- Madison Police Department
- Marshal's Office 1st District Court of Appeal
- Marshal's Office 4th District Court of Appeal
- Melbourne Village Police Department
- Miccosukee Police Department
- Panama City Beach Police Department
- Perry Police Department
- Pinellas County Schools Police Department
- Sanibel Police Department
- Sea Ranch Lakes Police Department
- Springfield Police Department
- State Attorney's Office 13th Judicial Circuit
- State Attorney's Office 16th Judicial Circuit
- Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
- Union County Sheriff's Office
- Volusia County Department of Public Protection
- Williston Police Department
- Winter Park Police Department

The 2021-2022 reporting cycle was officially closed in the Civil Asset Forfeiture web application on May 8, 2023. As of this date, the following **four** law enforcement agencies failed to submit the annual report:

- Jasper Police Department
- Madison Police Department
- Melbourne Village Police Department
- Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

On May 30, 2023, DFS provided a summary of action taken to solicit agency compliance with statute. A summary of action taken against non-compliant agencies was not provided.



Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act Annual Reports

The FDLE OIG received a total of **392** annual reports:

- 248 Police Departments
- 65 Sheriff's Offices
- 36 State Agencies
- 42 Schools and Ports¹
- 1 Correctional

The annual reports received included reports from three additional agencies not identified in the CJP October 2022 list of active agencies report. The agencies are identified below:

- Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (Agency Type: State Agency) – A multi-agency task force, empowered to conduct narcotics, vice and organized crime investigations across jurisdictional boundaries throughout the Ninth Judicial Circuit — Orange and Osceola Counties. (This is not a law enforcement employing agency; the officers who are part of this task force are certified under Chapter 943, F.S., under their employing law enforcement agency.)
- Edgewood Police Department (Agency Type: Police Department)
- Alachua County Public Schools Police Department (Agency Type: Police Department)

The FDLE OIG compiled the data² extracted from the law enforcement agencies annual reports. This information is identified in the appendixes by category types.

¹ Schools and Ports: Includes Universities and Colleges; County District School Police Departments; and Airport Police Departments.

² The data spreadsheets extracted from the Civil Asset Forfeiture web application contained additional law enforcement information not disclosed in this report.



Appendix A

Revenue Data



Total revenue of **\$25,092,271.71** were received from:

- Direct forfeitures
- Interest income
- From other agencies

Revenue by Category			
	Direct Forfeitures	Interest Income	Other Agencies
Total	\$24,787,088.28	\$305,183.43	\$0.00

Revenue by Agency Type	
Sheriffs	\$16,173,119.90
Police Departments	\$7,838,087.70
State Agencies	\$993,164.33
Schools and Ports	\$87,899.78
Correctional	\$0.00
Total	\$25,092,271.71



Appendix B

Expenses Data



Total expenses of **\$11,712,191.29** were disbursed as follows:

- Drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer programs
- Matching funds for federal grants
- Protracted or complex investigation cost defrayment
- Additional equipment or expertise
- Automated external defibrillators for law enforcement vehicles
- Transferred to other law enforcement agency
- Other law enforcement expenditures

Expenses by Category							
	Drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program or programs	Matching funds for federal grants	Protracted or complex investigation cost defrayment	Additional equipment or expertise	Automated external defibrillators for law enforcement vehicles	Transferred to other law enforcement agency	Other law enforcement expenditures
Total	\$6,240,872.38	\$191,371.42	\$1,213,837.54	\$3,970,426.15	\$95,683.80	\$0.00	\$0.00

Expenses by Agency Type	
Sheriffs	\$6,037,399.19
Police Departments	\$4,958,412.54
State Agencies	\$677,108.00
Schools and Ports	\$39,271.56
Correctional	\$0.00
Total	\$11,712,191.29



Appendix C

Seizures Data



Total seizures of **\$58,602,451.57** were disbursed as follows:

- Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)
- Currency
- Personal property
- Real property
- Other

Seizures by Asset Type					
	Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	Currency	Personal property	Real property	Other
Total	\$18,201,573.23	\$33,832,043.64	\$1,536,745.00	\$1,380,916.00	\$3,651,173.70

Seizures	
Sheriffs	\$32,795,169.32
Police Departments	\$22,955,833.65
State Agencies	\$2,776,204.80
Schools and Ports	\$75,243.80
Correctional	\$0.00
Total	\$58,602,451.57



Seizures - Sheriffs	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	\$7,525,541.05
Currency	\$19,539,480.20
Personal property	\$1,369,680.00
Real property	\$733,048.00
Other	\$3,627,420.07
Total	\$32,795,169.32

Seizures - Police Departments	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	\$9,460,946.18
Currency	\$12,978,200.84
Personal property	\$165,065.00
Real property	\$327,868.00
Other	\$23,753.63
Total	\$22,955,833.65

Seizures - State Agencies	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	\$1,213,740.00
Currency	\$1,240,464.80
Personal property	\$2,000.00
Real property	\$320,000.00
Other	\$0.00
Total	\$2,776,204.80



Seizures - Schools and Ports	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	\$1,346.00
Currency	\$73,897.80
Personal property	\$0.00
Real property	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total	\$75,243.80

Seizures - Correctional	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	\$0.00
Currency	\$0.00
Personal property	\$0.00
Real property	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00



Appendix D

Primary Offenses Data



Total primary offenses were as follows:

- Chapter 787 – Kidnapping; False Imprisonment; Luring or Enticing a Child; Custody Offenses
- Chapter 796 – Prostitution
- Chapter 810 – Burglary and Trespass
- Chapter 812 – Theft, Robbery and Related Crimes
- Chapter 817 – Fraudulent Practices
- Chapter 849 – Gambling
- Chapter 874 – Criminal Gang Enforcement
- Chapter 893 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control
- Chapter 895 – Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts
- Chapter 896 – Offenses Related to Financial Transactions
- Other
- Chapter 316 – State Uniform Traffic Control
- Chapter 322 – Drivers' Licenses

Primary Offense Type - Sheriffs	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Chapter 787 – Kidnapping; False Imprisonment; Luring or Enticing a Child; Custody Offenses	\$169,401.00
Chapter 796 – Prostitution	\$750,025.30
Chapter 810 – Burglary and Trespass	\$121,142.00
Chapter 812 – Theft, Robbery and Related Crimes	\$1,672,062.07
Chapter 817 – Fraudulent Practices	\$645,512.45
Chapter 849 – Gambling	\$607,389.48
Chapter 874 – Criminal Gang Enforcement	\$3,324.24
Chapter 893 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control	\$22,840,095.47
Chapter 895 – Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts	\$56,677.00
Chapter 896 – Offenses Related to Financial Transactions	\$3,817,876.33
Other	\$1,849,674.98
Chapter 316 - State Uniform Traffic Control	\$202,508.00
Chapter 322 - Drivers' Licenses	\$59,481.00



Primary Offense Type – Police Departments	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Chapter 787 – Kidnapping; False Imprisonment; Luring or Enticing a Child; Custody Offenses	\$43,912.64
Chapter 796 – Prostitution	\$455,032.17
Chapter 810 – Burglary and Trespass	\$351,229.00
Chapter 812 – Theft, Robbery and Related Crimes	\$302,894.47
Chapter 817 – Fraudulent Practices	\$2,599,227.32
Chapter 849 – Gambling	\$220,130.00
Chapter 874 – Criminal Gang Enforcement	\$0.00
Chapter 893 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control	\$11,573,749.84
Chapter 895 – Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts	\$142,160.00
Chapter 896 – Offenses Related to Financial Transactions	\$2,170,163.29
Other	\$4,306,640.92
Chapter 316 - State Uniform Traffic Control	\$682,019.00
Chapter 322 - Drivers' Licenses	\$108,675.00

Primary Offense Type – State Agencies	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Chapter 787 – Kidnapping; False Imprisonment; Luring or Enticing a Child; Custody Offenses	\$269,256.75
Chapter 796 – Prostitution	\$0.00
Chapter 810 – Burglary and Trespass	\$0.00
Chapter 812 – Theft, Robbery and Related Crimes	\$0.00
Chapter 817 – Fraudulent Practices	\$115,423.67
Chapter 849 – Gambling	\$11,965.00
Chapter 874 – Criminal Gang Enforcement	\$0.00
Chapter 893 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control	\$1,906,310.38
Chapter 895 – Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts	\$2,000.00
Chapter 896 – Offenses Related to Financial Transactions	\$0.00
Other	\$28,219.00
Chapter 316 - State Uniform Traffic Control	\$429,450.00
Chapter 322 - Drivers' Licenses	\$13,580.00



Primary Offense Type – Schools and Ports	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Chapter 787 – Kidnapping; False Imprisonment; Luring or Enticing a Child; Custody Offenses	\$0.00
Chapter 796 – Prostitution	\$0.00
Chapter 810 – Burglary and Trespass	\$0.00
Chapter 812 – Theft, Robbery and Related Crimes	\$0.00
Chapter 817 – Fraudulent Practices	\$0.00
Chapter 849 – Gambling	\$0.00
Chapter 874 – Criminal Gang Enforcement	\$0.00
Chapter 893 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control	\$75,243.80
Chapter 895 – Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts	\$0.00
Chapter 896 – Offenses Related to Financial Transactions	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Chapter 316 - State Uniform Traffic Control	\$0.00
Chapter 322 - Drivers' Licenses	\$0.00

Primary Offense Type – Correctional	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Chapter 787 – Kidnapping; False Imprisonment; Luring or Enticing a Child; Custody Offenses	\$0.00
Chapter 796 – Prostitution	\$0.00
Chapter 810 – Burglary and Trespass	\$0.00
Chapter 812 – Theft, Robbery and Related Crimes	\$0.00
Chapter 817 – Fraudulent Practices	\$0.00
Chapter 849 – Gambling	\$0.00
Chapter 874 – Criminal Gang Enforcement	\$0.00
Chapter 893 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control	\$0.00
Chapter 895 – Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts	\$0.00
Chapter 896 – Offenses Related to Financial Transactions	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Chapter 316 - State Uniform Traffic Control	\$0.00
Chapter 322 - Drivers' Licenses	\$0.00



Appendix E

Forfeiture Outcomes Data



The types of forfeiture outcomes were as follows:

- Transferred to another agency
- Returned to owner
- Forfeited
- Negotiated settlement
- Pending

Forfeiture Outcomes - Sheriffs	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Pending	\$8,725,760.26
Forfeited	\$9,175,000.36
Negotiated Settlement	\$11,744,952.78
Returned to Owner	\$3,136,360.92
Transferred to Another Agency	\$13,095.00

Forfeiture Outcomes - Police Departments	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Pending	\$6,575,439.67
Forfeited	\$5,213,242.99
Negotiated Settlement	\$7,020,881.26
Returned to Owner	\$4,145,769.73
Transferred to Another Agency	\$500.00

Forfeiture Outcomes – State Agencies	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Pending	\$1,599,845.11
Forfeited	\$672,395.69
Negotiated Settlement	\$436,727.00
Returned to Owner	\$61,884.00
Transferred to Another Agency	\$5,353.00



Forfeiture Outcomes – Schools and Ports	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Pending	\$14,583.80
Forfeited	\$60,660.00
Negotiated Settlement	\$0.00
Returned to Owner	\$0.00
Transferred to Another Agency	\$0.00

Forfeiture Outcomes – Correctional	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Pending	\$0.00
Forfeited	\$0.00
Negotiated Settlement	\$0.00
Returned to Owner	\$0.00
Transferred to Another Agency	\$0.00



Appendix F

Disposition of Assets Data



The types of disposition of assets were as follows:

- Retained for the agency's use
- Sold the property at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder
- Salvaged, traded, or transferred the property to any public or nonprofit organization
- Pending
- Donated
- Returned to Owner
- Returned to Lienholder
- Other

Disposition of Assets – Sheriffs	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Retained for the agency's use	\$15,184,940.46
Sold the property at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder	\$365,338.00
Salvaged, traded, or transferred the property to any public or nonprofit organization	\$730.00
Pending	\$9,112,166.73
Donated	\$305,842.35
Returned to Owner	\$5,914,195.22
Returned to Lienholder	\$537,333.00
Other	1374623.56

Disposition of Assets – Police Departments	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Retained for the agency's use	\$6,898,383.11
Sold the property at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder	\$139,422.00
Salvaged, traded, or transferred the property to any public or nonprofit organization	\$4,560.00
Pending	\$6,687,994.67
Donated	\$14,339.00
Returned to Owner	\$8,242,226.20
Returned to Lienholder	\$619,368.40
Other	349540.27



Disposition of Assets – State Agencies	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Retained for the agency's use	\$849,736.69
Sold the property at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder	\$21,050.00
Salvaged, traded, or transferred the property to any public or nonprofit organization	\$2,000.00
Pending	\$1,773,845.11
Donated	
Returned to Owner	\$88,673.00
Returned to Lienholder	
Other	\$40,900.00

Disposition of Assets – Schools and Ports	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Retained for the agency's use	\$60,660.00
Sold the property at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder	\$0.00
Salvaged, traded, or transferred the property to any public or nonprofit organization	\$0.00
Pending	\$14,583.80
Donated	\$0.00
Returned to Owner	\$0.00
Returned to Lienholder	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00

Disposition of Assets – Correctional	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Retained for the agency's use	\$0.00
Sold the property at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder	\$0.00
Salvaged, traded, or transferred the property to any public or nonprofit organization	\$0.00
Pending	\$0.00
Donated	\$0.00
Returned to Owner	\$0.00
Returned to Lienholder	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00



Appendix G

Other Law Enforcement Expenses

Property Seized – Other

Primary Type of Offense - Other³

³ Data for the other categories will be sent electronically to OPPAGA as required by statute.