

Annual Report of Forfeited Funds – 2017

Pursuant to the requirement set forth in Article 59.06(s) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Office of the Attorney General has computed the total amount of funds forfeited or credited after the sale of forfeited property in the preceding calendar year. In order to compile the figures herein, the Office of the Attorney General aggregated the amounts reported pursuant to the audit requirement found in Article 59.06(g) of the Code of Criminal Procedure for reporting law enforcement agencies and attorneys representing the state.^{1 2}

The Office of the Attorney General has broken down the following figures into the two categories of filers for the audit requirement: Law Enforcement Agencies and Attorneys Representing the State. Interest earned on forfeited funds is also included for clarity. The figures are as follows:

Law Enforcement Agencies

1. Amounts forfeited to and received by agencies: \$28,756,184
2. Interest earned on forfeited funds: \$383,603
3. Proceeds from the sale of forfeited property: \$3,187,372

Total for Law Enforcement Agencies: \$32,327,159

Attorneys Representing the State

1. Amounts forfeited to and received by attorneys representing the state: \$16,068,951
2. Interest earned on forfeited funds: \$230,988
3. Proceeds from the sale of forfeited property: \$1,519,146

Total for Attorneys Representing the State: \$17,819,085

All Agencies Total

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¹ It should be noted that the reporting periods for all reporting agencies pursuant to the audit requirement are varied, most notably the attorneys representing the state which are required to report on the state fiscal year (September 1 through August 31). Law enforcement agencies are required to report based on their particular fiscal years. Therefore, the figures for many agencies are not confined to the calendar year period of this reporting requirement. Calendar year figures cannot be determined from the audit reports.

² The Office of the Attorney General based its figures on audit reports filed by April 12, 2018. It is possible that some agencies will report after this date, however, it was necessary to employ a cut-off date to complete the report in a timely manner by the April 30th deadline.