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Annual Report of the Attorney General to the Appropriations  
and Judiciary Committees of Assets Received by Forfeiture  
Under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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That process is continuing. We expect to see additional increases in forfeitures as more, and more sophisticated, cases are brought. Due to the growing statewide recognition of the potential effectiveness of the forfeiture statute, forfeiture has become a standard subject in the curricula of many law-enforcement training programs; often, experts from my Bureau of Narcotics investigations serve as instructors.

The increase in both state and county forfeitures reflects an ongoing education process as prosecutors and police officers at all levels gain a better understanding of the intricacies of the forfeiture statute, enabling them to put it to use in more cases and to seize hidden, as well as obvious, drug-derived assets.

Cash forfeited to the counties increased by an even greater amount, from \$622,553 to \$1,594,965. As the report indicates, district attorneys made creative use of those funds to provide vital support to their local anti-drug efforts.

A comparison of this annual report with my previous report to you shows that the total amount of cash forfeited to the Office of Attorney General increased from \$448,958 in the 1985-86 fiscal year to \$719,387 in the 1986-87 fiscal year. Those funds were expended to support the operation of the eight regional Attorney General's Narcotics Strike Forces, comprising State Police officers and Bureau of Narcotics investigations agents.

I believe you will find that this report documents the success that both state and local law enforcement agencies are achieving in the use of this vital legislative tool.

It is my pleasure to submit herewith my annual report on the seizure of drug dealers' assets during the 1986-87 fiscal year. These assets were seized pursuant to Act 200 of 1984. As you know, the Act greatly expanded the power of law-enforcement agencies to seize the assets of drug dealers and requires that those assets must be used to help finance the war on drugs.

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

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B. REPORT FOR THE COUNTIES OF PENNSYLVANIA

1. Total cash obtained: 07/01/86 - 06/30/87

ALLEGHENY	\$132,081.70	LUZERNE	\$ 8,662.00
BERKS	11,977.00	LYCOMING	5,024.85
BUCKS	149,408.48	MONROE	1,414.00
CENTRE	411.00	MONTGOMERY	141,196.00
CHESTER	33,347.24	NORTHAMPTON	11,068.00
CUMBERLAND	10,978.00	PHILADELPHIA	754,961.86
DAUPHIN	13,960.10	SCHUYLKILL	1,015.05
DELAWARE	60,529.59	SNYDER	445.00
LACKAWANNA	1,029.00	VENANGO	1,190.00
LANCASTER	18,430.34	WAYNE	77,450.00
LAWRENCE	24,691.72	WESTMORELAND	89,119.25
LEBANON	14,092.00	YORK	26,965.00
LEHIGH	5,517.39		

The following counties reported they had no amounts to report in this category:

ADAMS	CLEARFIELD	JEFFERSON	SULLIVAN
ARMSTRONG	CLINTON	JUNIATA	SUSQUEHANNA
BEAVER	COLUMBIA	MCKEAN	TIOGA
BLAIR	CRAWFORD	MERCER	UNION
BRADFORD	ELK	MONTGOMERY	WARREN
BUTLER	ERIE	NORTHUMBERLAND	WASHINGTON
CAMBRIA	FAYETTE	PERRY	WYOMING
CAMERON	FOREST	PIKE	
CARBON	FULTON	POTTER	
CLARION	GREENE	SOMERSET	

2. Total Property Obtained: 07/01/86 - 06/30/87

ALLEGHENY	Eight (8) motor vehicles Jewelry
BEAVER	One (1) motor vehicle
BERKS	Two (2) motor vehicles
BUCKS	Nine (9) motor vehicles Stereo equipment Weapons
CENTRE	Three (3) motor vehicles
CHESTER	One (1) motor vehicle
CUMBERLAND	One (1) motor vehicle
DAUPHIN	Seven (7) motor vehicles One (1) camera outfit

2. Total Property Obtained: 07/01/86 - 06/30/87 (continued)

DELAWARE	Seven (7) motor vehicles
GREENE	One (1) motor vehicle
LANCASTER	Five (5) motor vehicles
LEBANON	Two (2) motor vehicles
LEHIGH	One (1) mobile home Weapons
LYCOMING	Three (3) motor vehicles One (1) semi-trailer One (1) water pump
MONROE	One (1) motor vehicle
MONTGOMERY	Three (3) motor vehicles
PHILADELPHIA	One (1) motor vehicle
WESTMORELAND	One (1) motor vehicle One (1) F.M. transmitter One (1) weapon

The following counties reported they had nothing to report in this category:

ADAMS	COLUMBIA	LUZERNE	SOMERSET
ARMSTRONG	CRAWFORD	MCKEAN	SULLIVAN
BLAIR	ELK	MERCER	SUSQUEHANNA
BRADFORD	ERIE	MONTOUR	TIOGA
BUTLER	FAVETTE	NORTHAMPTON	UNION
CAMBRIA	FOREST	NORTHUMBERLAND	VENANGO
CAMERON	FULTON	PERRY	WARREN
CARBON	JEFFERSON	PIKE	WASHINGTON
CLARION	JUNIATA	POTTER	WAYNE
CLEARFIELD	LACKAWANNA	SCHUYLKILL	WYOMING
CLINTON	LAWRENCE	SNYDER	YORK

3. Use of Forfeited Cash: 07/01/86 - 06/30/87

ALLEGHENY:

\$58,568.11 was used for undercover drug buys, equipment repairs, narcotic investigation grants to local police departments, confidential informants, payment of lien on seized vehicle, reimbursement to police officer for equipment damaged during drug raid, and a drug seminar for assistant district attorneys.

\$73,513.59 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

Use of Forfeited Cash: 07/01/86 - 06/30/87 (continued)

BERKS: \$1,806.80 was used for undercover drug buys, purchase of equipment and case expenses. \$10,170.20 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

BUCKS: \$192,661.06 was used for reimbursement to local police departments for overtime, undercover drug buys, purchase of undercover vehicles, purchase of an alarm system for the seized property storage area and payment of towing seized vehicles.

\$42,252.58 of total money used was from previously forfeited cash and property.

CENTRE: \$411.00 was used to conduct an undercover drug investigation.

CHESTER: \$19,256.72 was used for undercover drug investigations, purchase of equipment, vehicle repairs and drug training seminar

\$14,090.52 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

CUMBERLAND: \$3,650.00 was used for training films and undercover drug buys.

\$7,328.00 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

DAUPHIN: \$17,188.92 was used for undercover drug buys, witness fees and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation title fees.

\$3,228.82 of total money used was taken from existing drug fund, with a balance of \$19,040.62 remaining in drug fund.

DELAWARE: \$25,835.17 was used for drug investigations and prosecutions, notice of auctions, payment of liens on seized vehicles, towing fees for seized vehicles and court costs.

\$34,694.42 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

3. Use of Forfeited Cash: 07/01/86 - 06/30/87 (continued)

LACKAWANNA: \$1,029.00 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

LANCASTER: \$21,637.40 was used for undercover drug investigations, training, equipment and vehicle maintenance.

LAWRENCE: No usage reported.

LEBANON: \$4,665.00 was used for undercover drug buys, reimbursement to local agencies for overtime and confidential informant fees.

\$9,427.00 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

LEHIGH: \$5,517.39 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

LUZERNE: \$3,520.00 was used for undercover drug buys.

\$5,142.00 remained in investigative fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

LYCOMING: \$4,724.85 was used for undercover drug buys, training of drug dogs, purchase of electronic surveillance equipment and installation and use of a telephone at an undercover surveillance site.

MONROE: \$200.00 was used for an undercover drug buy.

MONTGOMERY: \$141,196.00 was used to finance the operation of a narcotics unit within the District Attorney's Office.

NORTHAMPTON: \$3,226.65 was used for undercover drug buys, payment to confidential informant, assistant district attorney's seminar for drug prosecution and search and seizure, and bank fees for maintaining forfeiture bank account.

\$7,840.35 remained in the forfeiture account at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

3. Use of Forfeited Cash: 07/01/86 - 06/30/87 (continued)

PHILADELPHIA: \$134,251.64 was used for personnel, training and investigations (drug buys, informants) and other forfeiture related expenses (advertising, appraisals, etc.).

SCHUYLKILL: \$4,284.00 was used for undercover drug buys and purchase of surveillance equipment. (Additional monies were taken from forfeited cash and property reported in the previous report period.)

SNYDER: \$445.00 deposited in District Attorney's investigation fund.

VENANGO: \$215.00 was used for an undercover drug operation.

\$975.00 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

WASHINGTON: \$11,549.33 was used for undercover drug investigations, rental fee for electronic surveillance equipment, purchase of electronic surveillance equipment and attendance at the National District Attorneys College Seminar for Prosecution of Drug Cases. (Money expended was from cash forfeited in the previous report period.)

WAYNE: \$2,000.00 was used for undercover drug buys.

WESTMORELAND: \$21,002.25 was used for undercover drug investigations and drug buys, purchase of equipment and for payment of a lien on a seized vehicle.  
\$64,907.00 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

YORK: \$31,550.73 remained in drug fund at the end of fiscal year 1986-1987.

4. Use of Forfeited Property: 07/01/86 - 06/30/87

ALLEGHENY: Seven (7) vehicles transferred to local police departments.

One (1) vehicle scheduled for auction.  
Jewelry scheduled for auction.

BEAVER: One (1) motor vehicle was sold and balance after costs was placed in District Attorney's Investigative Fund.

BERKS: Two (2) motor vehicles used in undercover drug investigations.

BUCKS: Nine (9) vehicles, jewelry and stereo were sold at auction and proceeds were placed into the general Narcotic Forfeiture Account.

CENTRE: Two (2) vehicles were used as undercover surveillance vehicles and one (1) vehicle was sold, proceeds used to pay cost of public sale.

CHESTER: One (1) motor vehicle used in undercover drug investigations.

CUMBERLAND: One (1) motor vehicle pending sale.

DAUPHIN: Three (3) vehicles and one (1) camera outfit transferred to police department vice unit.

DELAWARE: One (1) vehicle used in undercover drug work.  
Seven (7) vehicles sold and proceeds were placed in drug fund.

GREENE: One (1) vehicle to be used in investigations.

LANCASTER: Four (4) vehicles will be sold.  
One (1) vehicle to be used in undercover drug investigations.



1. Use of Forfeited Property: 07/01/86 - 06/30/87 (continued)

LEBANON: One (1) vehicle to be used as surveillance vehicle and one (1) vehicle to be sold.

LEHIGH: One (1) mobile home was sold and proceeds were placed in drug fund.

LYCOMING: Weapons were destroyed, per Court Order. One (1) vehicle sold and proceeds (\$300.00) were placed in drug fund. Water pump, semi-trailer and two (2) vehicles will be sold.

MONROE: One (1) vehicle will be sold.

MONTGOMERY: Three (3) vehicles are used as operational vehicles by the narcotics unit.

PHILADELPHIA: One (1) motor vehicle was sold and proceeds shared with wife of the defendant.

WESTMORELAND: One (1) vehicle, F.M. transmitter and stun gun are being used in undercover drug investigations.

During the reporting period, 07/01/86 - 06/30/87, the following counties received the amounts indicated from Court Ordered distribution of cash seized through co-operative investigations between state and local law enforcement agencies. (These amounts are included in the totals for those counties).

CHESTER	\$ 5,843.50	MONTGOMERY:	\$ 1,072.50
LANCASTER:	18,006.37	PHILADELPHIA:	4,375.00
LAWRENCE:	1,980.00	WAYNE:	77,450.00
LEBANON:	13,160.00	WESTMORELAND:	3,210.00
LUZERNE:	5,000.00	WYOMING:	12,040.00
MONROE:	3,650.00	YORK:	70,526.00

The following counties did not submit a report for 07/01/86 - 06/30/87:

- BEDFORD
- FRANKLIN
- HUNTINGDON
- INDIANA
- MIFFLIN