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RE: Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act

Dear Coordinator Jameson:

In accordance with Section 932.7061(2), Florida Statutes, enclosed is the annual report prepared by the Office of Inspector General for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office at (850) 410-7228.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lourdes Howell-Thomas', is written over a printed name and title.

Lourdes Howell-Thomas  
Inspector General

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Enclosures [1]

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# Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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## Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act Annual Report

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Reporting Cycle

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 **433** active law enforcement agencies as of October 1, 2021. Of the 433 agencies, 37 agencies were not required to comply with the reporting requirement as they did not employ full-time law enforcement officers<sup>1</sup>. A total of **396** agencies were required to comply with s. 932.7061, F.S.

The 60-day grace period for law enforcement agencies to submit their report expired on February 7, 2022.

#### Chief Financial Officer Notification:

In February 2022, the FDLE Office of Inspector General (OIG) notified the office of the Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Financial Services (DFS) of **twenty-three** 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:

- Apalachicola Police Department
- Bay Harbor Islands Police Department
- Bonifay Police Department
- Cedar Key Police Department
- Chattahoochee Police Department
- Citrus County School Board Police Department
- Dade City Police Department
- Daytona Beach Police Department
- Dunnellon Police Department
- El Portal Police Department
- Florida A and M University Police Department
- Florida Department of Corrections
- Gainesville Police Department
- Gretna Police Department
- Jackson County Sheriff's Office
- Jasper Police Department
- Juno Beach Police Department
- Lake Helen Police Department
- Leon County Sheriff's Office
- Madison County Sheriff's Office
- Madison Police Department
- Ocean Ridge Police Department
- Washington District Schools Police Department

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix G: List of Active Law Enforcement Agencies with No Full-Time Sworn Personnel



In March 2022, the FDLE OIG notified DFS of the following **eleven** law enforcement agencies with delinquent annual reports:

- Chattahoochee Police Department
- Dade City Police Department
- Daytona Beach Police Department
- El Portal Police Department
- Florida A and M University Police Department
- Gainesville Police Department
- Gretna Police Department
- Jackson County Sheriff's Office
- Jasper Police Department
- Juno Beach Police Department
- Madison Police Department

In April 2022, the FDLE OIG notified DFS of the following **eight** law enforcement agencies with delinquent annual reports:

- Dade City Police Department
- Daytona Beach Police Department
- El Portal Police Department
- Gainesville Police Department
- Jackson County Sheriff's Office
- Jasper Police Department
- Juno Beach Police Department
- Madison Police Department

In May 2022, the FDLE OIG notified DFS of the following **two** law enforcement agencies with delinquent annual reports:

- Daytona Beach Police Department
- Jasper Police Department

As of June 4, 2022, **one** law enforcement agency failed to submit the annual report:

- Jasper Police Department

As of the date of this report, DFS has not provided a summary of any action taken against the noncomplying agencies, as required by s. 932.7061(2), F.S.



## Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act Annual Reports

The FDLE OIG received a total of **398** annual reports:

- 252 Police Departments
- 66 Sheriff's Offices
- 36 State Agencies
- 42 Schools and Ports<sup>2</sup>
- 2 Correctional

The annual reports received included reports from three additional agencies not required to report. The agencies are identified below:

- CSX Transportation Railroad Police (Agency Type: Police Department) – Pursuant to Chapter 354, F.S., Special Officers for Carriers; and
- Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (Agency Type: State Attorney) – 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.)
- Florida State Hospital/Agency For Persons With Disabilities – (Agency Type: Correctional) no full-time sworn personnel.

The FDLE OIG compiled a summary of data<sup>3</sup> extracted from the law enforcement agencies annual reports. This information is identified in the appendixes by category types.

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<sup>2</sup> Schools and Ports: Includes Universities and Colleges; County District School Police Departments; and Airport Police Departments.

<sup>3</sup> 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 **\$27,354,289.79** were received from:

- Direct forfeitures
- Interest income
- From other agencies

Revenue by Category			
	Direct Forfeitures	Interest Income	Other Agencies
Total	\$27,017,782.78	\$336,507.01	\$0.00

Revenue by Agency Type	
Sheriffs	\$16,317,385.50
Police Departments	\$9,733,293.42
State Agencies	\$1,261,394.84
Schools and Ports	\$42,216.03
Correctional	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,354,289.79</b>



## Appendix B

### Expenses Data





Total expenses of **\$12,908,868.84** 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	\$5,864,657.95	\$341,342.58	\$665,138.77	\$6,037,729.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Expenses by Agency Type	
Sheriffs	\$4,477,513.77
Police Departments	\$8,128,559.46
State Agencies	\$291,488.97
Schools and Ports	\$11,306.64
Correctional	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,908,868.84</b>



# Appendix C

## Seizures Data



Total seizures of **\$45,142,200.84** 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	\$10,995,308.29	\$32,446,837.73	\$378,311.55	\$426,106.73	\$895,636.54

Seizures	
Sheriffs	\$21,456,610.74
Police Departments	\$21,880,639.22
State Agencies	\$1,697,552.76
Schools and Ports	\$107,398.12
Correctional	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,142,200.84</b>



Seizures - Sheriffs	
	<b>Sum of Approximate Value</b>
Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	\$4,564,742.00
Currency	\$16,060,506.32
Personal property	\$264,594.16
Real property	\$0.00
Other	\$566,768.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,456,610.74</b>

Seizures - Police Departments	
	<b>Sum of Approximate Value</b>
Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	\$5,641,021.79
Currency	\$15,526,811.76
Personal property	\$80,314.39
Real property	\$333,623.00
Other	\$298,868.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,880,639.22</b>

Seizures - State Agencies	
	<b>Sum of Approximate Value</b>
Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	\$788,198.50
Currency	\$753,467.53
Personal property	\$33,403.00
Real property	\$92,483.73
Other	\$30,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,697,552.76</b>



Seizures - Schools and Ports	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Conveyance (vehicles, vessels, aircraft, etc.)	\$1,346.00
Currency	\$106,052.12
Personal property	\$0.00
Real property	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,398.12</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



# 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	\$15,604.00
Chapter 796 – Prostitution	\$1,290.00
Chapter 810 – Burglary and Trespass	\$152,354.70
Chapter 812 – Theft, Robbery and Related Crimes	\$336,583.25
Chapter 817 – Fraudulent Practices	\$307,889.16
Chapter 849 – Gambling	\$2,746,609.30
Chapter 874 – Criminal Gang Enforcement	\$0.00
Chapter 893 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control	\$14,486,191.47
Chapter 895 – Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts	\$628,878.60
Chapter 896 – Offenses Related to Financial Transactions	\$955,301.57
Other	\$1,610,895.16
Chapter 316 - State Uniform Traffic Control	\$197,454.00
Chapter 322 - Drivers' Licenses	\$17,559.53



Primary Offense Type – Police Departments	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Chapter 787 – Kidnapping; False Imprisonment; Luring or Enticing a Child; Custody Offenses	\$58,277.00
Chapter 796 – Prostitution	\$619,519.20
Chapter 810 – Burglary and Trespass	\$324,074.37
Chapter 812 – Theft, Robbery and Related Crimes	\$372,299.37
Chapter 817 – Fraudulent Practices	\$313,393.52
Chapter 849 – Gambling	\$262,322.00
Chapter 874 – Criminal Gang Enforcement	\$456.00
Chapter 893 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control	\$10,933,472.78
Chapter 895 – Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts	\$137,610.00
Chapter 896 – Offenses Related to Financial Transactions	\$6,154,620.46
Other	\$1,788,772.52
Chapter 316 - State Uniform Traffic Control	\$903,722.00
Chapter 322 - Drivers' Licenses	\$12,100.00

Primary Offense Type – State Agencies	
	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	\$26,000.00
Chapter 817 – Fraudulent Practices	\$19,319.13
Chapter 849 – Gambling	\$7,863.00
Chapter 874 – Criminal Gang Enforcement	\$0.00
Chapter 893 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control	\$1,080,670.90
Chapter 895 – Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts	\$92,483.73
Chapter 896 – Offenses Related to Financial Transactions	\$0.00
Other	\$299,595.50
Chapter 316 - State Uniform Traffic Control	\$163,765.50
Chapter 322 - Drivers' Licenses	\$7,855.00





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	\$107,398.12
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	\$3,164,752.43
Forfeited	\$7,499,768.43
Negotiated Settlement	\$8,180,375.38
Returned to Owner	\$2,596,189.50
Transferred to Another Agency	\$15,525.00

Forfeiture Outcomes - Police Departments	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Pending	\$5,523,013.03
Forfeited	\$5,863,294.01
Negotiated Settlement	\$8,097,605.61
Returned to Owner	\$2,089,994.57
Transferred to Another Agency	\$306,732.00

Forfeiture Outcomes – State Agencies	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Pending	\$712,557.66
Forfeited	\$646,489.10
Negotiated Settlement	\$111,713.00
Returned to Owner	\$207,077.00
Transferred to Another Agency	\$19,716.00



Forfeiture Outcomes – Schools and Ports	
	<b>Sum of Approximate Value</b>
Pending	\$70,687.80
Forfeited	\$0.00
Negotiated Settlement	\$5,041.00
Returned to Owner	\$31,669.32
Transferred to Another Agency	\$0.00

Forfeiture Outcomes – Correctional	
	<b>Sum of Approximate Value</b>
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	
	<b>Sum of Approximate Value</b>
Retained for the agency's use	\$13,436,672.85
Sold the property at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder	\$158,783.00
Salvaged, traded, or transferred the property to any public or nonprofit organization	\$0.00
Pending	\$3,382,793.43
Donated	\$134,720.01
Returned to Owner	\$3,485,479.19
Returned to Lienholder	\$367,993.00
Other	\$490,169.26

Disposition of Assets – Police Departments	
	<b>Sum of Approximate Value</b>
Retained for the agency's use	\$8,066,147.35
Sold the property at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder	\$141,155.50
Salvaged, traded, or transferred the property to any public or nonprofit organization	\$0.00
Pending	\$5,593,069.42
Donated	\$0.00
Returned to Owner	\$6,164,614.75
Returned to Lienholder	\$237,273.38
Other	\$1,678,378.82



Disposition of Assets – State Agencies	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Retained for the agency's use	\$444,791.87
Sold the property at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder	\$34,954.00
Salvaged, traded, or transferred the property to any public or nonprofit organization	\$0.00
Pending	\$824,406.16
Donated	\$0.00
Returned to Owner	\$207,793.00
Returned to Lienholder	\$40,005.00
Other	\$145,602.73

Disposition of Assets – Schools and Ports	
	Sum of Approximate Value
Retained for the agency's use	\$5,041.00
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	\$70,687.80
Donated	\$0.00
Returned to Owner	\$31,669.32
Returned to Lienholder	\$0.00
Other	\$5,041.00

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

### List of Active Law Enforcement Agencies with No Full-Time Sworn Personnel





*State Agencies:*

- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General

*Police Departments:*

- Belleaire Beach Marshall's Office
- Center Hill Police Department
- White Springs Police Department

*Schools and Ports:*

- Brevard Public Schools, Office of District & School Security
- Jackson County Schools District Police Department

*Correctional:*

- Department of Corrections, Region 2
- Department of Corrections, Region 3
- Department of Corrections, Region 4
- Department of Corrections
- Alachua County Department Of Court Services
- Escambia County Corrections
- Escambia County Road Prison
- Gulf County Jail
- Jackson County Corrections Facility
- Miami-Dade County Department Of Corrections & Rehabilitation
- Okaloosa County Department Of Corrections
- Orange County Corrections Department
- Osceola County Corrections
- Volusia County Department Of Corrections
- Florida State Hospital
- Florida State Hospital/Agency For Persons With Disabilities
- North Florida Evaluation And Treatment Center
- Corrections Corporation of America Citrus County Detention Facility
- Bay Correctional Facility
- Blackwater River Correctional Facility
- Bridges Of America
- Gadsden Correctional Institution
- Graceville Correctional Facility
- Lake City Correctional Facility
- Moore Haven Correctional Facility
- South Bay Correctional Facility
- Suncoast Community Residential Reentry Center
- Wellpath Florida Civil Commitment Center
- Wellpath South Florida Evaluation And Treatment Center
- Wellpath Treasure Coast Forensic Treatment Center