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Civil Asset Forfeiture and Seizure Reporting

Section 16-13-701(8)(a) of the Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.), requires the Department of Local Affairs to provide a summarized report of all seizure and forfeiture activity in the state for the prior fiscal year to the governor; the attorney general; and the judiciary committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees.

Overview

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs is providing this 2024 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. The statute requires State and local agencies authorized to effect civil forfeitures to biannually report:

- The type, approximate value, and disposition of all property seized;
- The amount of any forfeiture proceeds received by the state and any subdivision of the state; and
- A categorized accounting of all forfeiture proceeds expended by the state and any subdivision of the state.

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.

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 reported, the value of assets forfeited, and the forfeiture proceeds received by reporting period in the prior year. For the fiscal year, 378 agencies filed a report, approximately 9% of agencies reported forfeiture information and approximately 91% of agencies reported no proceeds, expenditures, or retained balances of proceeds in the fiscal year. For further detail by agency, see Exhibit A.

Number of reports and cases

Table (I) Number and type of reports

	01/01/2023 through 06/30/2023	07/01/2023 through 12/31/2023	Calendar Year
Report Due Date	12/01/2023	06/01/2024	N/A
Number of Reports Received	378	378	756
Reports by agencies with no proceeds, no expenditures, and no retained proceeds	346	342	688

Table (II) Forfeiture Cases Reported

	01/01/2023 through 06/30/2023	07/01/2023 through 12/31/2023	Calendar Year
Federal Cases	39	52	91
State Cases	111	153	264
Local Cases	8	7	15
Unknown	2	17	19

	01/01/2023 through 06/30/2023	07/01/2023 through 12/31/2023	Calendar Year
None	3	3	6

** Forfeiture cases listed as "unknown" or "none" indicate multijurisdictional involvement where the custody of assets involved has yet to be determined or transferred to an agency with jurisdiction outside of the State of Colorado.*

Table (III) Type of assets forfeited, approximate value, and disposition of all property seized for the prior fiscal year; and the amount of forfeiture proceeds received.*

	01/01/2023 through 06/30/2023	07/01/2023 through 12/31/2023	Calendar Year
Currency Assets:	\$3,587,995.84	\$8,102,946.53	\$11,690,942.37
Non-Currency Assets:	\$250,127.29	\$756,110.68	\$1,006,237.97
Value of Assets:	\$3,838,123.13	\$8,859,057.21	\$12,697,180.34
Totals Forfeiture Proceeds Received:	\$3,385,454.84	\$2,785,481.68	\$6,170,936.52

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Categorized Accounting of All Forfeiture Proceeds

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.*

Category of Expenditure	01/01/2023 through 06/30/2023	07/01/2023 through 12/31/2023	Fiscal Year Totals
(A) Prevention Programs	\$53,782.88	\$84,331.38	\$138,114.26
(B) Victim Services:	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
(C) Informant / Controlled Buys:	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$13,000.00
(D) Employee Compensation:	\$438,493.41	\$150,977.25	\$589,470.66
(E) Professional Services:	\$171,483.89	\$306,287.00	\$477,770.89
(F) Travel and Training:	\$407,707.16	\$469,372.08	\$877,079.24
(G) Operating Expenses:	\$263,588.44	\$529,322.60	\$792,911.04
(H) Capital, Vehicles, Equipment:	\$536,854.51	\$1,043,746.53	\$1,580,601.04
(I) Other Expenditure:	\$1,382,755.55	\$81,022.64	\$1,463,778.19
Transfers/Disbursements to Partner Agencies:	\$123,789.00	\$114,421.20	\$238,210.20
Total Expenditures Reported	\$3,385,454.84	\$2,785,481.68	\$6,170,936.52
Total Retained Proceeds - End of Fiscal Year Balance	N/A	N/A	\$41,112,240.54

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** 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.

Recommendations to improve statute and reporting compliance

No Recommendations for this report.

Exhibit A - Agency Case Details

The table below contains summaries of case counts, values, and dispositions of all seized and forfeited property from the prior calendar year.

Row Labels	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	8	11	\$766,705.00	\$16,875.00	\$783,580.00	\$25,168.71
1st Judicial District Attorney's Office	18	36	\$148,094.43	\$9,991.50	\$158,085.93	\$34,751.31
21st Judicial District Attorney's Office	2	2	\$99,154.00	0	\$99,154.00	\$5,588.48
2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office	117	120	\$437,371.43	\$0.00	\$437,371.43	\$300,656.49
4th Judicial District Attorney's Office	7	7	\$80,724.55	0	\$80,724.55	\$2,668.48
8th Judicial District Attorney's Office	16	16	\$80,916.39	\$19,866.00	\$100,782.39	\$3,195.09
Adams County	10	10	\$130,735.00	\$81,715.25	\$212,450.25	\$22,266.01

Row Labels	Case Count	Asset Count	Asset Type (Currency)	Asset Type (Property Other than Currency)	Total Asset Value	Forfeiture Proceeds Received
Arapahoe County	11	11	\$707,607.00	\$42,025.00	\$749,632.00	\$28,807.99
Arvada, City of	2	2	\$6,592.47	0	\$6,592.47	\$6,592.47
Boulder County	9	9	\$39,096.00	0	\$39,096.00	\$19,352.50
Brighton, City of	7	7	\$3,826.11	\$3,012.60	\$6,838.71	\$6,838.71
Colorado Springs Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division Taskforce	8	30	\$78,203.69	\$84,065.50	\$162,269.19	\$131,733.91
Colorado Springs, City of	3	5	\$32,200.00	\$24,763.00	\$56,963.00	\$15,539.28
Colorado State Patrol	11	11	\$866,308.90	\$82,863.00	\$949,171.90	\$107,981.94
Delta, City of	5	5	\$1,594.00		\$1,594.00	\$1,594.00
Denver, City And County of	72	72	\$1,676,425.24	\$17,138.69	\$1,693,563.93	\$369,837.92
Douglas County	12	18	\$896,137.00	\$16,875.00	\$913,012.00	\$83,598.24
El Paso County	2	3	\$73,800.00	\$24,763.00	\$98,563.00	\$8,272.58
Elbert County	1	2	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$111,809.92
Englewood, City of	3	6	\$415,042.00	0	\$415,042.00	\$73,587.45

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Evans, City of	8	8	\$16,784.99	0	\$16,784.99	\$16,784.99
Firestone, Town of	2	6	\$550,070.00	0	\$550,070.00	\$97,470.36
Grand Junction, City of	4	4	\$109,415.00	0	\$109,415.00	\$30,224.08
Greeley, City of	4	14	\$126,147.64	\$11,325.00	\$137,472.64	\$47,397.72
Jefferson County	25	31	\$1,103,767.89	\$56,316.44	\$1,160,084.33	\$248,092.06
Monument, Town of	40	44	\$3,331.61	0	\$3,331.61	\$3,305.01
Mountain View, Town of	2	2	\$314,910.00	0	\$314,910.00	\$31,189.86
North Metro Task Force	8	8	\$35,701.00	\$81,715.25	\$117,416.25	\$8,367.29
Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (NCDTF)	19	32	\$1,713,117.39	\$61,800.00	\$1,774,917.39	\$300,504.26
Northglenn, City of	8	8		\$13,824.49	\$13,824.49	\$14,998.39
Pueblo County	3	4	\$102,900.00	0	\$102,900.00	\$18,372.17
Pueblo, City of	9	9	\$167,445.00	0	\$167,445.00	\$29,721.62
Teller County	6	8	\$214,814.00	\$45,713.00	\$260,527.00	\$16,439.24

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Weld County	4	11	\$119,691.64	0	\$119,691.64	\$11,302.42
Westminster, City of	6	76	\$572,313.00	\$311,590.25	\$883,903.25	\$143,147.46
Grand Total	356	648	\$11,690,942.37	\$1,006,237.97	\$12,697,180.34	\$2,377,158.41

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Exhibit B: Categorized Accounting of All Forfeiture Proceeds

The table below contains summaries of all categorized expenditures from seized and forfeited proceeds statewide from the prior calendar year.

Agency	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	Forfeiture Proceeds Expended
10th Judicial District Attorney's Office	0	0	0	0	\$825.00	0	0	0	0	0	\$825.00
18th Judicial District Attorney's Office	0	0	0	0	\$17,167.00	0	\$2,515.68	0	0	0	\$19,682.68
21st Judicial District Attorney's Office	0	0	0	0	0	\$5,588.48	0	0	0	0	\$5,588.48
2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office	\$95,898.57	0	0	0	0	\$181,524.40	\$4,970.44	\$240,114.52	\$7,575.35	\$95,898.02	\$625,981.30
4th Judicial District Attorney's Office	0	0	0	\$2,668.48	0	0	0	0	\$35,586.50	\$30,407.44	\$68,662.42
8th Judicial District Attorney's Office	0	0	0	\$3,132.09	0	0	0	0	0	\$11,006.67	\$14,138.76
Arapahoe County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$93,270.00	0	0	\$93,270.00

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Aurora, City of	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$133,947.44	0	0	0	\$133,947.44
Boulder County	0	0	\$13,000.00	0	\$7,177.00	\$11,690.02	\$17,119.19	0	0	0	\$48,986.21
Castle Rock, Town of	0	0	0	\$21,868.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$21,868.00
Colorado Department of Law, Colorado Attorney General's Office	0	0	0	0	0	\$27,985.85	0	\$91,731.78	\$3,678.07	0	\$123,395.70
Colorado Springs Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division Taskforce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$61,605.20	\$36,820.21	0	\$98,425.41
Colorado Springs, City of	0	0	0	0	\$54,500.00	0	0	\$163,000.00	\$50,595.00	0	\$268,095.00
Colorado State Patrol	0	0	0	0	\$186,496.30	\$8,264.62	\$16,689.65	\$34,802.37	\$1,171,760.62	0	\$1,418,013.56
Commerce City, City of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$239.09	\$239.09
Denver, City And County of	\$42,115.69	0	0	0	0	\$543,907.16	0	\$200,294.37	\$2,655.50	\$42,115.41	\$831,088.13
Douglas County	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,319.43	\$11,652.79	\$51,889.14	0	0	\$64,861.36

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Douglas County Impact Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$6,695.00	\$38,500.00	0	0	\$45,195.00
El Paso County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$32,479.11	\$30,383.90	0	\$62,863.01
Englewood, City of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$34,543.57	\$34,543.57
Evans, City of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$19,683.98	0	0	\$19,683.98
Firestone, Town of	0	0	0	0	0	\$10,600.00	0	\$91,486.21	0	0	\$102,086.21
Greeley, City of	0	0	0	0	0	\$4,896.54	\$7,914.41	\$124,964.70	0	0	\$137,775.65
Haxtun, Town of	\$100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$100.00
Jefferson County	0	0	0		\$71,525.92	\$17,450.78	\$289,314.69	\$19,353.21	\$18,267.41	0	\$415,912.01
Kremmling, Town of	0	0	0	\$412,438.09	\$30,808.96	\$7,788.89	\$11,411.98	\$50,137.23	\$73,897.96	0	\$586,483.11
La Plata County	0	0	0	0	0	\$11,840.00	0	\$29,393.00	0	0	\$41,233.00
Littleton, City of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$11,441.63	\$0.06	0	\$11,441.69
Longmont, City of	0	0	0	0	0	\$9,700.02	0	\$11,613.01		0	\$21,313.03
Mesa County	0	0	0	0	\$92,000.00	\$8,076.76	\$167,500.00	0	0	0	\$267,576.76
Montezuma County	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$24,000.00	0	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$72,000.00

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Mountain View, Town of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$35,450.54	0	0	\$35,450.54
Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (NCDTF)	0	0	0	0	\$17,270.71	\$13,436.07	\$49,500.78	\$74,788.01	0	0	\$154,995.57
Parker, Town of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$43,581.75	0	0	\$43,581.75
Pueblo County	0	0	0	0	0	\$13,010.22	0	0	0	0	\$13,010.22
Pueblo, City of	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$39,227.49	0	\$3,335.61	0	\$42,563.10
Sedgwick County	0	\$1.00	0	\$149,364.00	0	0	\$2,000.00	\$29,000.00	0	0	\$180,365.00
Summit County	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$6,042.18	\$17,021.28	0	0	\$23,063.46
Teller County	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$2,409.32	0	0	0	\$2,409.32
Weld County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$15,000.00	\$5,222.00	0	\$20,222.00
Grand Total	\$138,114.26	\$1.00	\$13,000.00	\$589,470.66	\$477,770.89	\$877,079.24	\$792,911.04	\$1,580,601.04	\$1,463,778.19	\$238,210.20	\$6,170,936.52

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