



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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DATE: 11/19/2024

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE THE AUDITOR'S REPORT OF THE FISCAL YEAR
2024 CHAPTER 59 ASSET FORFEITURE REPORT PREPARED BY THE
CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Auditor's Report of the FY 2024 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report prepared by the Criminal District Attorney's (CDA) Office.

BACKGROUND

As required by Chapter 59 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Auditor's Office reviewed the FY 2024 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Attorney Representing the State prepared by the CDA's Office. The report was also electronically signed and submitted to the Office of the Attorney General on time.

Since no exceptions were noted, management elected not to provide a written response.

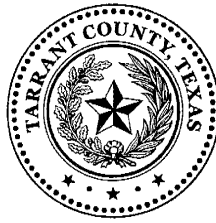
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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October 30, 2024

The Honorable Phil Sorrells, Criminal District Attorney
The Honorable District Judges of Tarrant County
The Honorable Tarrant County Commissioners Court
Tarrant County, Texas

Re: Auditor's Report-FY2024 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Attorney Representing the State

As required by Chapter 59 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Auditor's Office reviewed the FY2024 *Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Attorney Representing the State* prepared by the Criminal District Attorney's (CDA) Office. During FY2024, revenues received by the CDA's Office from forfeiture funds, interest earned, and auction proceeds totaled \$1,059,736.31. Expenditures using forfeiture funds totaled \$527,574.75. Based on the review, the auditor believes the amounts presented in the report are reasonable and contain the information required under Chapter 59 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The report was also electronically signed and submitted to the Office of the Attorney General on time.

The CDA's Office records various financial and non-financial case activities into its Time Matters database. The CDA's Office prepares manual receipts to record the receipt of case documents and assets, both cash and non-cash. Also, the CDA's Office does not necessarily have custody and control of all cash and non-cash assets since other agencies may retain control of certain seized assets. Therefore, we cannot express an opinion whether *all* transactions were recorded into the database.

The annual *Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Attorney Representing the State* report focuses on two separate elements of the asset forfeiture process: financial activity and case activity.

1. Financial Activity: Sections I and II include monies under the control and custody of the CDA's Office. We reviewed selected cash transactions recorded in the database to supporting documents such as court orders, seizure reports, and receipts. We also traced cash transactions under the control of the CDA's Office to the County's general ledger and found no exceptions. Section VI includes expenditures made by the CDA's Office for activities related to the preservation, enforcement, and the administration of state law. We reconciled the amounts on the report to the County's general ledger without exception.
2. Case Activity: Sections III, IV, and V of the report include non-cash assets, such as motor vehicles, firearms, and other property (i.e. TV's, PC's, etc.). On a test basis, we 1) traced the non-cash assets recorded in the Time Matters database to supporting documentation such as court orders and auction sales reports, and 2) performed a physical inspection of the assets under the control of the CDA's Office. We found no exceptions.

We appreciate the efforts of the CDA's staff to facilitate the timely completion of this review.

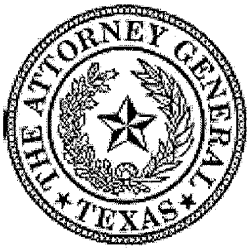
Sincerely,



Kimberly M. Buchanan, CPA
Tarrant County Auditor

Attachment: FY2024 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Attorney Representing the State

Distribution: Ann Durfee, Business Manager, Criminal District Attorney's Office



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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CHAPTER 59 ASSET FORFEITURE REPORT BY ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE STATE

Agency Information

Agency Information

Agency Name: Tarrant County
Criminal District
Attorney

City: Fort Worth

State: TX

Phone Number: (817) 884-1694

Agency Mailing Street:

401 W. Belknap St.

ZIP: 76196

County: Tarrant

Agency Fiscal Beginning
Month: September

Agency Fiscal Ending Month: August

I. Seized Funds

Do not include federal seizures and/or forfeitures on this form. This form is only for those seizures and/or forfeitures made pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

Seized Funds Pursuant to Chapter 59

Funds that have been seized but have not yet been awarded/forfeited to your agency by the judicial system.

A) Beginning Seized Funds Balance: \$3,022,741.19

B) Seizures During Reporting Period:

1) Amount seized by employees of your agency: \$0.00

2) Amount seized by other agencies: \$1,179,164.41

C) Total Amount of Forfeiture Petitions Filed for All Agencies You Represent: \$1,350,672.79

D) Total Amount of Forfeitures Pending for All Agencies You Represent: \$1,295,486.65

E) Interest Earned on Seized Funds During Reporting Period: \$114,587.43

F) Amount Returned to Defendants/Respondents: \$554,234.25

G) Amount Transferred to Forfeiture Account: \$2,321,589.39

H) Other Reconciliation Items (Must provide detail in box below): \$0.00

Description:

I) Seized Funds Ending Balance - This field will be auto-calculated when you SAVE or switch sections: \$1,440,669.39

Ending Balance-Mailed Form:

II. Forfeited Funds

Forfeited Funds and Other Court Awards Pursuant to Chapter 59

Funds awarded to your agency by the judicial system and which are available to spend.

A) Beginning Forfeited Funds Balance: \$1,849,714.16

B) Amount Forfeited For All Agencies You Represent and Covered by Local Agreement

Enter the total amount forfeited by all forfeiture judgments in your jurisdiction for the reporting year. Do not include judgments that are not yet final due to appeal or motions for new trial. Include interest that was forfeited as part of the judgment.

1) Amount Forfeited and Transferred to all Agencies Covered by Local Agreement: \$1,381,359.91

2) Amount Forfeited and Received by Your Agency: \$942,733.56

3) Total Amount Forfeited and Transferred to all Agencies Covered by Local Agreement - This field will be auto-calculated when you hit save or switch sections: \$2,324,093.47

C) Interest Earned on Forfeited Funds During Reporting Period: \$116,927.26

D) Amount Awarded For All Agencies You Represent Pursuant to 59.022

Enter the total amount awarded by the court for costs, forfeitures and money judgments pursuant to Article 59.022

1) Amount Awarded and Transferred to All Agencies Pursuant to 59.022: \$0.00

2) Amount Awarded and Received by your agency pursuant to 59.022: \$0.00

3) Total Amount Awarded For All Agencies You Represent Pursuant to 59.022 - This field will be auto-calculated when you hit Save or switch sections: \$0.00

E) Amount Awarded For All Agencies You Represent Pursuant to 59.023

Enter the total amount awarded by the court on lawsuits for proceeds filed pursuant to Article 59.023

1) Amount Awarded and Transferred to All Agencies Pursuant to 59.023: \$0.00

2) Amount Awarded and Received By Your Agency Pursuant to 59.023: \$0.00

3) Total Amount Awarded For

All Agencies You Represent
Pursuant to 59.023 - This field
will be auto-calculated when
you hit Save or switch
sections: \$0.00

F) Proceeds Received by Your
Agency From Sale of Forfeited
Property: \$75.49

G) Amount Returned to Crime
Victims: \$0.00

H) Other Reconciliation Items
(Must provide detail in box
below): (\$1,000.00)

Description:

Increased Petty Cash Fund by \$1,000 during fiscal year, which directly affected Funding Balance.

I) Total Expenditures of
Forfeited Funds During
Reporting Period - This field
will be auto-calculated based
on your answers in the
Expenditures section: \$527,574.75

J) Forfeited Funds Ending
Balance (balance will be
automatically calculated after
expenditures are entered): \$2,380,875.72

Total Expenditures from Mailed
Form:

Ending Balance from Mailed
Form:

III. Other Property

Other Property

List the number of cases filed, pending, or disposed for each category. List as "pending" only cases where a petition was filed. List as "seized" only those seizures where a seizure is made by a peace officer employed by your agency. If property is sold, list under "Proceeds Received by Your Agency From Sale of Forfeited Property" in Section II (F) in

the reporting year in which the proceeds are received. Please note - this should be a number not a currency amount.
Example 4 cars seized, 3 cars forfeited and 0 cars put into use.

A) Motor Vehicles (Include cars, motorcycles, tractor trailers,etc.)

Please note - this should be a number, not a currency amount. For example, 4 pending, 3 seized, 12 new petitions, etc

- 1) Pending for all agencies at beginning of reporting period: 81
- 2) Seized by your agency during reporting period: 0
- 3) New petitions filed for all agencies during reporting period: 131
- 4) Forfeited to your agency during reporting period: 103
- 5) Put into service by your agency during reporting period: 0
- 6) Pending for all agencies at end of reporting period: 109

B) Real Property (Count each parcel seized as one item)

Please note - this should be a number, not a currency amount. For example, 4 pending, 3 seized, 12 new petitions, etc

- 1) Pending for all agencies at beginning of reporting period: 0
- 2) Seized by your agency during reporting period: 0
- 3) New petitions filed for all agencies during reporting period: 0
- 4) Forfeited to your agency during reporting period: 0
- 5) Put into service by your agency during reporting period: 0
- 6) Pending for all agencies at end of reporting period: 0

C) Computers (Include computer and attached system components, such as printers and monitors, as one item)

Please note - this should be a number, not a currency amount. For example, 4 pending, 3 seized, 12 new petitions, etc

- 1) Pending for all agencies at beginning of reporting period: 20
- 2) Seized by your agency during reporting period: 0
- 3) New petitions filed for all agencies during reporting period: 2
- 4) Forfeited to your agency during reporting period: 19

5) Put into service by your agency during reporting period: 0

6) Pending for all agencies at end of reporting period: 3

D) Firearms (Include only firearms seized for forfeiture under Chapter 59. Do not include weapons disposed under Chapter 18)

Please note - this should be a number, not a currency amount. For example, 4 pending, 3 seized, 12 new petitions, etc

1) Pending for all agencies at beginning of reporting period: 101

2) Seized by your agency during reporting period: 0

3) New petitions filed for all agencies during reporting period: 115

4) Forfeited to your agency during reporting period: 153

5) Put into service by your agency during reporting period: 0

6) Pending for all agencies at end of reporting period: 63

E) Other Property

To add a reporting box for each additional item to be itemized, click the "New Other Property DA" button. Please note - this should be a number not a currency amount. For example, 4 pending, 3 seized, 12 new petitions, etc. For each line added, you need to hit the SAVE icon in the Action column.

Description	Pending For All Agencies (Beginning)	Seized By Your Agency	New Petitions Filed For All Agencies	Forfeited To Agency	Put Into Use by Agency	Pending For All Agencies (End)
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electronics	70	0	76	124	0	22
Jewelry	125	0	101	152	0	74
Communication Devices	23	0	11	26	0	8
Miscellaneous	329	0	56	340	0	45
Scales	0	0	0	0	0	0

IV. Forfeited Property Received

Forfeited Property Received From Another Agency

Enter the total number of items transferred to your agency where the forfeiture judgment awarded ownership of the property to another agency prior to the transfer.

A) Motor Vehicles: 0

B) Real Property: 0

C) Computers: 0

D) Firearms: 0

E) Other: 0

V. Forfeited Property Transferred/Loaned

Forfeited Property Transferred or Loaned From Another Agency

Enter the total number of items transferred or loaned from your agency where the forfeiture judgment awarded ownership of the property to your agency prior to the transfer.

A) Motor Vehicles: 0

B) Real Property: 0

C) Computers: 0

D) Firearms: 0

E) Other: 0

VI. Expenditures: A - D

Expenditures

This category is for Chapter 59 expenditures SOLELY for the official purposes of the office of the attorney representing the state - not for expenditures made pursuant to your general budget. List the total amount expended for each of the categories. If proceeds are expended for a category not listed, state the amount and nature of the expenditure under the Other category.

A) Salaries

- 1) Increase of Salary, Expense
or Allowance for Employees (Salary Supplements): \$0.00
- 2) Salary Budgeted Solely
From Forfeited Funds: \$0.00
- 3) Number of Employees Paid
Using Forfeiture Funds: 0

- 4) TOTAL SALARIES PAID
OUT OF CHAPTER 59
FUNDS - This field will be auto-calculated once you hit
save or switch sections: \$0.00

Total Salaries from Mailed
Form:

B) Overtime

- 1) For Employees Budgeted by
Governing Body: \$0.00
- 2) For Employees Budgeted
Solely out of Forfeiture Funds: \$0.00
- 3) Number of Employees Paid
Using Forfeiture Funds: 0

- 4) TOTAL OVERTIME PAID
OUT OF CHAPTER 59
FUNDS - This field will be auto-calculated once you hit
save or switch sections: \$0.00

Total Overtime from Mailed
Form:

C) Equipment

- 1) Vehicles: \$1,535.04
- 2) Computers: \$1,690.26
- 3) Firearms, Protective Body
Armor, Personal Equipment: \$39,753.79
- 4) Furniture: \$8,089.58
- 5) Software: \$243,877.86
- 6) Maintenance Costs: \$85.00
- 7) Uniforms: \$0.00
- 8) K9 Related Costs: \$0.00

9) Visual Aid Equipment for
Litigation: \$0.00

10) Other (Must provide detail
in box below): \$0.00

Description:

11) TOTAL EQUIPMENT
PURCHASED WITH
CHAPTER 59 FUNDS - This
field will be auto-calculated
once you hit save or switch
sections: \$295,031.53

Total Equipment from Mailed
Form:

D) Supplies

1) Office Supplies: \$24,431.02

2) Mobile Phone and Data
Account Fees: \$0.00

3) Internet: \$0.00

4) Other (Must provide detail in
box below): \$0.00

Description:

5) TOTAL SUPPLIES
PURCHASED WITH
CHAPTER 59 FUNDS - This
field will be auto-calculated
once you hit save or switch
sections: \$24,431.02

Total Supplies from Mailed
Form:

VI. Expenditures: F - G

F) Training

1) Fees (Conferences,
Seminars): \$90,588.96

- 2) Materials (Books, CDs, Videos, etc.): \$0.00
- 3) Other (Must provide detail in box below): \$0.00

Description:

4) TOTAL TRAINING PAID OUT OF CHAPTER 59 FUNDS - This field will be auto-calculated once you hit save or switch sections: \$90,588.96

Total Training from Mailed Form:

G) Investigative Costs

- 1) Informant Costs: \$0.00
- 2) Buy Money: \$0.00
- 3) Lab Expenses: \$4,575.00
- 4) Other (Must provide detail in box below): \$0.00

Description:

5) TOTAL INVESTIGATIVE COSTS PAID OUT OF CHAPTER 59 FUNDS - This field will be auto-calculated once you hit save or switch sections: \$4,575.00

Total Investigative Costs from Mailed Form:

VI. Expenditures: E

E) Travel

1) In State Travel

- a) Transportation: \$175.00
- b) Meals & Lodging: \$100.00

c) Mileage: \$0.00

d) Incidental Expenses: \$0.00

e) Total In State Travel - This field will be auto-calculated once you hit save or switch sections: \$275.00

Total In State Travel from Mailed Form:

2) Out of State Travel

a) Transportation: \$0.00

b) Meals & Lodging: \$0.00

c) Mileage: \$0.00

d) Incidental Expenses: \$0.00

e) Total Out of State Travel: \$0.00

Total In State Travel from Mailed Form:

3) Total Travel Paid Out of Chapter 59 Funds

Total Travel Paid Out of Chapter 59 Funds - This field will be auto-calculated once you hit save or switch sections: \$275.00

Total Travel from Mailed Form:

VI. Expenditures: H - N

H) Prevention / Treatment Programs / Financial Assistance / Donation

1) Total Prevention/Treatment Programs (pursuant to 59.06 (d-3(6), (h), (j)): \$0.00

2) Total Financial Assistance (pursuant to Articles 59.06 (n) and (o)): \$0.00

3) Total Donations (pursuant to

Articles 59.06 (d-2)): \$8,800.00

4) TOTAL
PREVENTION/TREATMENT
PROGRAMS/FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS
(pursuant to Articles 59.06 \$8,800.00
(d-3(6)),(h),(j),(n),(o),(d-2)) -
This field will be
auto-calculated once you hit
save or switch sections:

Total
PREVENTION/TREATMENT
PROGRAMS/FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS
from Mailed Form:

I) Facility Costs

- 1) Building Purchase: \$0.00
- 2) Lease Payments: \$0.00
- 3) Remodeling: \$0.00
- 4) Maintenance Costs: \$528.95
- 5) Utilities: \$0.00
- 6) Other (Must provide detail in
box below): \$0.00

Description:

7) TOTAL FACILITY COSTS
PAID OUT OF CHAPTER 59
FUNDS - This field will be \$528.95
auto-calculated once you hit
save or switch sections:

Total Investigative Costs from
Mailed Form:

J) Miscellaneous Fees

- 1) Court Costs: \$25,059.45
- 2) Filing Fees: \$0.00
- 3) Insurance: \$0.00
- 4) Witness Fees (including
travel and security): \$928.86
- 5) Audit Costs and Fees
(including audit preparation \$0.00
and professional fees):

- 6) State Bar Dues and Legal Association Dues: \$77,355.98
- 7) Legal Library Supplies and Access Fees: \$0.00
- 8) Other (Must provide detail in box below): \$0.00

Description of Other Miscellaneous Fees:

- 9) TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS FEES PAID OUT OF CHAPTER 59 FUNDS - This field will be auto-calculated once you hit save or switch sections: \$103,344.29

Total Miscellaneous Costs from Mailed Form:

K) Paid to State Treasury / General Fund / Health & Human Services Commission/ Office of the Attorney General

- 1) Total paid to State Treasury due to lack of local agreement pursuant to 59.06 (a): \$0.00
- 2) Total paid to State Treasury due to participating in task force not established in accordance with 59.06 (q)(1): \$0.00
- 3) Total paid to General Fund pursuant to 59.06 (c-3) (C) (Texas Department of Public Safety only): \$0.00
- 4) Total forfeiture funds transferred to the Health and Human Services Commission pursuant to 59.06 (p): \$0.00
- 5) Total paid to the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to 59.06(k): \$0.00

- 6) TOTAL PAID TO STATE TREASURY/ GENERAL FUND/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION/ OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OUT OF CHAPTER 59 FUNDS - This field will be auto-calculated once you hit save or switch sections: \$0.00

Total Paid to State Treasury/General fund/ Health & Human Services

L) Total Paid to Cooperating Agency(ies) Pursuant to Local Agreement

TOTAL PAID TO
COOPERATING
AGENCY(IES) PURSUANT TO LOCAL AGREEMENT: \$0.00

M) Total Other Expenses Paid Out of Chapter 59 Funds Which Are Not Accounted For In Previous Categories

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES
PAID OUT OF CHAPTER 59
FUNDS WHICH ARE NOT
ACCOUNTED FOR IN PREVIOUS CATEGORIES \$0.00
(Must provide detail in box
below):

Description:

N) Total Expenditures

TOTAL EXPENDITURES -
This field will be
auto-calculated once you hit
save or switch sections: \$527,574.75

Total Expenditures from Mailed
Form:

Financial Professional Certification

After signing and pressing "Save", using your email address and password account access, and pursuant to the terms of service, you certify that you swear or affirm that the Commissioners Court, City Council or Head of Agency (if no governing body) has requested that you conduct the audit required by Article 59.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and that upon diligent inspection of all relevant documents and supporting materials, you believe that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of your Knowledge.

Financial Professional
Acknowledge Terms: Yes

Typed Name of
Auditor/Treasurer/Accounting
Professional/Preparer:: Kimberly M
Buchanan

Title: Tarrant County
Auditor

Additional Signature Instructions

If you would like to have additional financial professional signatures, please click the "New Financial Professional Signature" button below.

Signature	Title	Date
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Head of Agency Certification

After signing and pressing "Submit" using your email address and password account access, and pursuant to the terms of service you swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that you have accounted for the seizure, forfeiture, receipt, and specific expenditure of all proceeds and property subject to Chapter 59 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and that upon diligent inspection of all relevant documents and supporting materials, this asset forfeiture report is true and correct and contains all information required by Article 59.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. You further swear or affirm that, to the best of your knowledge, all expenditures reported herein were lawful and proper, and made in accordance with Texas law.

Do you acknowledge the
above terms: : Yes

Year: 2024

NAME: Phil Sorrells

Tarrant County
TITLE: Criminal District
Attorney

DATE: 10/29/2024

Comments: