

Sheriff Reports Asset Forfeiture Funds Status

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Del Norte Sheriff Garrett Scott updated the public on the major drug bust asset forfeiture funds seizure in February, 2023.

Scott reported the canine-assisted bust on 101, 18 months ago by the DNSD totaled \$375,000 in cash. Per State law, the seized booty was divided, accordingly:

- 24 percent (\$90,000 allocated to the General Fund, State of California
- 10 percent (\$37,500) directed to the Prosecuting agency: The Del Norte District Attorney.
- 15 percent (\$56,250) given to a Special Fund to combat drug abuse and divert gang activity.
- 1 percent (\$3,750) Environmental Enforcement / Training, State of California.
- 50 percent (\$187,500) was directed to the Del Norte Sheriff's Department.

Here's the latest Accounting of the Sheriff's \$187,500 funding:

- Commercial Incinerator (\$7500)
- Canine Vehicle (\$85,000)
- UTV vehicle (\$40,000)
- Trailer (\$25,000) match for Office of Emergency Services funds)
- Not committed (\$30,000)... Balance remaining in the account.

Sheriff Scott is mandated to spend the seized funds in very specific and narrow parameters.

Funds may not be used for salary enhancements.