

CITIZENS SUMMARY

Compilation of 2015 Criminal Activity Forfeiture Act Seizures

Background	State law requires prosecuting attorneys and the attorney general to report seizures made under the Criminal Activity Forfeiture Act (CAFA) to the State Auditor and Director of the Department of Public Safety. Of the 116 potential reporting officials, the State Auditor's Office received 115 CAFA seizure reports; 110 of the reports were submitted by the required due date of January 31, 2016.
Compliance with Submitting Seizure Reports	For 2015, only one potential reporting official did not submit a report, and 110 of 115 reports were submitted by the January 31, 2016, deadline. The Ray County and Shannon County prosecuting attorneys reported their counties' seizures after the deadline. Prosecuting attorneys from three counties - Butler, Chariton, and Webster - reported after the deadline that they had no seizures. St. Clair County did not submit a report to indicate if it received any seizures. State law requires that a report be filed if seizures are received, and intentional or knowing failure to comply with reporting requirements constitutes a class A misdemeanor.
Disposition of Seizures Reported	The overall dollar value for property seized in 2015 was \$6,003,034. Of that total, \$416,612 was returned, \$3,167,512 was transferred to a federal agency, and \$62,733 was transferred to the state. The disposition for \$2,005,199 was pending at the time of reporting, and no disposition was reported for \$350,978. Dispositions reported by each prosecuting attorney and the Attorney General are included in an appendix attached to the report.
Compliance with Reporting Required Information	The 115 reports covered 585 total cases around the state. Some of the reports lacked required information, such as the date, time, and place of the seizure; whether criminal charges were filed; and the final disposition of criminal actions.

Because of the nature of this compilation, no overall rating is provided.

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