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- A. The Investigations Unit is responsible for the initiation and follow-up investigations of all cases where the *seizure* of assets through commencement of the forfeiture process is appropriate. The time limits for the submission of forfeiture cases are established by statute and forfeiture cases *must* be filed in strict compliance with those time limitations. The assigned investigator(s) *shall* work closely with county, *state* or federal prosecutors who handle forfeitures in order to ensure compliance with the law and successful forfeiture actions. When funds or property are forfeited by the court, the Investigations Unit *shall* provide the *Chief* with copies of the court's orders.
- B. Property that is forfeited to the *Department must* be disposed of in compliance with State statute and the relevant court order. The *Chief* or designee *shall* keep accurate records and accounting of the receipt of forfeited funds or property and the expenditure of those funds or proceeds from the sale of property. Forfeited funds are held by the County or *state* prosecution office that assists with the forfeiture until an expenditure that is qualified under law is made by the *Department*, at which time reimbursement of that expenditure *may* be requested.