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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 506
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Metropolitan Police Department Civil Asset Forfeiture Report (FY18)

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Pursuant to Section 112 of the Civil Asset Forfeiture Amendment Act of 2014, effective June 16, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-278; D.C. Official Code § 41-312), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is pleased to submit the Civil Asset Forfeiture Report for Fiscal Year 2018.

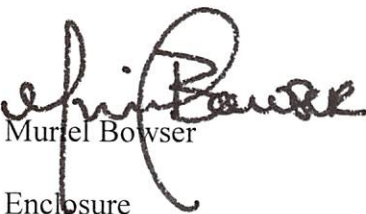
The report provides the following information:

- The number of seizures by type of property seized;
- The quantity of each type of property seized;
- The number of seizures by type of asserted violation of District law that gave rise to the seizure;
- The number of seized items determined to be returnable for which the District does not have on file a receipt of return; and
- The total quantity of each type of property seized for forfeiture that the District treated as abandoned under relevant sections of the D.C. Code.

MPD remains committed to the judicious use of its authority and respect for the due process rights of the involved individuals.

Please contact Peter Newsham, Chief of Police, at 202-727-4218 or peter.newsham@dc.gov to discuss any questions you have regarding this report.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser

Enclosure



METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE REPORT

Pursuant to Section 112 of the Civil Asset Forfeiture Amendment Act of 2014, effective June 16, 2015 (D.C. law 20-278; D.C. Official Code § 41-312), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) provides this report with regard to civil asset forfeitures for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY 2018).

OVERVIEW

The Department regularly investigates cases that may include property subject to seizure and civil forfeiture. The Department has the responsibility of handling, accounting for, and disposing of seized property in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Department's policy is to handle all seized property coming into its custody in a manner that is lawful, timely, and maintains the property's integrity. Property seized can include currency, weapons, vehicles, and other forms of personal and real property.

The procedures for seizure, process, and disposition of property are outlined in MPD's written directives,¹ which are attached.

DATA

Please note that whereas MPD is providing responses on the number of property seizures, the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report will provide the corresponding number of property forfeitures. In addition, please refer to the OAG report for responses to the requirements in D. C. Official Code §§ 41-312(4) – (9).

The MPD data in this report is based on the actual recovery date of the property seized.

1. The number of seizures and the number of forfeitures, by type of property seized (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(1))

The table below lists the total number of each individual property type seized rather than each police event. In some cases, a police event may involve the seizure of more than one type of property. For information regarding the number of forfeitures, please refer to the OAG's FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report.

Seizures:

¹ GO-601.01 Recording, Handling, and Disposition of Property Coming into the Custody of the Department; GO-601.03 Handling and Accounting for Seized and Forfeited Property; and SO-00-17 Procedures for Handling Seized Monies.

Property Type	FY 2018
Money (US Currency)	200
Vehicle	9
Total	209

2. The total quantity of each type of property seized and each type of property forfeited (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(2))

In addition to total vehicle seizures, the table below lists the total dollar value of all U.S. money seized for FY 2018. For information regarding the number of forfeitures, please refer to the OAG's FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report.

Seizures:

Property Type	FY 2018
Money (US Currency)	\$ 729,239.94
Vehicles	9

3. The number of seizures and the number of forfeitures by type of asserted violation of District law that gave rise to the seizure or forfeiture. (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(3))

The table below provides the total number of seizures by property type for each asserted violation. For information regarding the number of forfeitures, please refer to the OAG's FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report.

Category	FY2018
Drug Offenses (§ 48-905.02)	183
Money	178
Vehicle	5
Firearms Offenses (§ 7-2507.06a)	12
Money	8
Vehicle	4
Gambling (§ 22-1705)	1
Money	1
Prostitution (§ 22-2723)	13
Money	13
Total	209

4. The number of libels of information that were filed under The number of libels of information that were filed under § 41-307, by outcome (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(4))

Please refer to the OAG's FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report.

- 5. The number of times the District exercised its authority pursuant to § 41-305(c) and determined the property to be forfeitable and the number of times the District determined the property was not forfeitable (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(5))**

Please refer to the OAG's FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report.

- 6. The number of seizures where the District either did not file a libel of information pursuant to § 41-307 or withdrew a libel of information, excluding seizures where the District had the authority to determine forfeitures pursuant to § 41-305(c) (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(6))**

Please refer to the OAG's FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report.

- 7. The number of settlements reached between the District and an owner, pursuant to § 41-306(d) (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(7))**

Please refer to the OAG's FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report.

- 8. Amount of currency received from forfeiture listed separately according to the provision of the District of Columbia law that gave rise to the forfeiture (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(8))**

Please refer to the OAG's FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report.

- 9. Gross and net proceeds received from forfeiture, listed separately according to the provision of District law giving rise to the forfeiture (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(9))**

Please refer to the OAG's FY 2018 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report.

- 10. By type of property, the number of seized items determined to be returnable for which the District does not have on file a receipt of return as required by D.C. Official Code § 41-309(b) (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(10))**

The table below lists the number of items pending release as of March 8, 2019. This means the Department has received a PD 81-C (Property Release Form) for these cases from the United States Attorney's Office and the OAG. The OAG has notified the claimant that the property is available for release, but the claimant has not yet claimed the property.

Property Type (pending release)	FY 2018
Money	4
Vehicles	0

11. The total quantity of each type of property seized for forfeiture that the District treated as abandoned under D.C. Official Code §§ 5-119.01 through 5-119.10 and §§ 5-119.12 through 5-119.19, and § 5-119.11 (D.C. Official Code § 41-312(11))

There were no properties seized for forfeiture that the District treated as abandoned.