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MAYOR

October 8, 2024

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

I am submitting to the Council of the District of Columbia the enclosed report titled *Metropolitan Police Department Civil Asset Forfeiture Report*, which was prepared by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) 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).

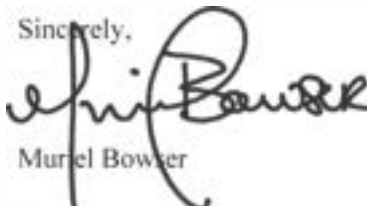
The report provides the following information:

- The number of seizures by type of property seized;
- The total 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 times the District exercised its authority and determined the property to be forfeitable and the number of times the District determined the property was not forfeitable;
- 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.

I am available to discuss any questions you may have regarding this report. In order to facilitate a response to your questions, please contact Pamela A. Smith, Chief of Police, MPD, at pamela.smith1@dc.gov.

Sincerely,



Muriel Bowser

Enclosure



METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE REPORT

OVERVIEW

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 or Department) and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) are each required to report information regarding civil asset forfeitures. The Metropolitan Police Department provides this report for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022 through 2023.

The Department investigates criminal cases that may include property subject to seizure and civil forfeiture. The MPD is responsible for 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.

Whereas MPD provides responses for questions related to seizures and the return of property, the OAG reports on the property forfeitures. The OAG report for responses for forfeitures and to the requirements in D.C. Official Code §§ 41-312(4) and (6) - (9) can be found in its Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports.

DATA

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. During this reporting period, only US currency was seized. For actual value of currency seized, please see the response to question 2. For information regarding forfeitures, please refer to OAG's Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports for FY 2022-2023.

Seizures:

Property Type	FY2022	FY2023
Money (US Currency)	193	112

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

The table below lists the total dollar value of all U.S. money seized for FY 2022-2023. For information regarding forfeitures, please refer to OAG's Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports for FY 2022-2023.

Seizures:

Property Type	FY2022	FY2023
Money (US Currency)	\$770,721.22	\$384,426.89

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 forfeitures, please refer to OAG's Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports for FY 2022-2023.

Seizures:

Category	FY2022	FY2023
Drug Offenses (§ 48-905.02)	138	84
Money	138	84
Firearms Offenses (§ 7-2507.06a)	12	6
Money	12	6
Prostitution (§ 22-2723)	0	0
Money	0	0
Illegal Dumping (§ 8-905)	0	0
Money	0	0
Drug & Firearms Offenses (§ 48-905.02) / (§ 7-2507.06a)	43	22
Money	43	0
Firearms & Gambling Offenses (§ 7-2507.06a) / (§ 22-1705)	0	0
Money	0	0
Total	193	112

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

Please refer to OAG's Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports for FY 2022-2023.

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)).*

The answer to this question reflects those cases where MPD notified the owner of the intent of the District to seek forfeiture of the property and has on file a return receipt and the owner did not file a claim pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 41-305 within 90 days after the receipt of the notice.

During FY 2022-2023 there were no cases that met these parameters.

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 OAG's Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports for FY 2022-2023.

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 OAG's Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports for FY 2022-2023.

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 OAG's Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports for FY 2022-2023.

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 OAG's Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports for FY 2022-2023.

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)).*

For all cases originating in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for which OAG has notified the claimant that the property is available for release, the claimant has claimed the property and acknowledged receipt.

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)).*

At this time, MPD has not classified any property seized for forfeiture in Fiscal Years 2022-2023 as abandoned.