

Police Department

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The Honorable Members of the Common Council 200 East Wells Street, Room 202 Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: 2007 Asset Forfeiture Plan

Dear Council Members:

Pursuant to Common Council File #920252, this file requests Common Council authorization for the Milwaukee Police Department to expend \$684,500 from its asset forfeiture funds. The following is an itemized description of the anticipated expenditures included in this resolution. These expenditures are in accordance with the guidelines of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Sharing Program. The resolution will leave approximately \$200,000 in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account.

1. Mobile Data Computers

\$500,000

The last purchase of Mobile data computers (MDC's) was in 2003, when 356 were purchased. These units are constantly in use, and at this point, 25% are out of service and can't be repaired. MPD requested 19 units on the first 2007 resolution to equip the sergeant's vehicles, and these are out for bid. MPD will use the additional funds in this resolution to purchase another 77 units. As MPD has been implementing the Rapid ID system and the TRACS (Traffic and Criminal Software) system automated ticket-writing machines, we discovered that the current MDC'S and software have to be upgraded for the new systems to function.

2. TRACS Units for Motorcycles

\$55,000

This funds 11 TRACS ticket-writing printers for the motorcycle unit. The balance of the units necessary to fully equip the motorcycles were supplied by grants from the State of Wisconsin. These printer units automate the writing of traffic tickets and greatly increase the efficiency of our motorcycle officers, who write the majority of traffic tickets that are issued by the Department.

3. Brackets for Video Cameras in Squads

\$20,000

To date, the Department has received 72 in-squad video cameras through grants. The installation of camera systems in our new 2007 marked vehicles requires special brackets, not all of which could be funded through grants.

4. Forensic Investigation Equipment

\$42,000

These funds will be used for a variety of expenditures that will enhance the Department's ability to process crime scenes and accident scenes, to discover DNA evidence, and analyze video evidence. These expenditures will increase the

efficiency of our officers, and begin the upgrade of our forensic investigation abilities.

5. Laser Units \$58,500

The Department has 82 laser units, which are used for speed enforcement. Twenty-six were purchased in 1992 and 1993, and failure rates on these units are rapidly increasing. This funding will allow us to purchase fifteen replacement laser units.

6. Polygraph Machine

\$9,000

This funding would enable MPD to replace its 15-year-old paper machine that has recurring cost relative to repairs and paper purchases. Current polygraph technology has advanced greatly since we purchased this machine.

Sincerely

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