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DISTRICT 3**

**PROPERTY
FORFEITURE FUND**

JUNE 30, 2008

STATUTORY REPORT



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2008**

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September 8, 2008

John Wampler, District Attorney
District 3

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the District Attorney of District 3, Jackson, Tillman, Kiowa, Harmon, and Greer Counties, Oklahoma (the District), for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. A report of this type is critical in nature; however, we do not intend to imply that there were not commendable features in the present accounting and operating procedures of the District.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the assistance and cooperation extended to our office during the conduct of our procedures.

The Office of the State Auditor and Inspector is committed to serve the public interest by providing independent oversight and to issue reports that serve as a management tool to the state to ensure a government which is accountable to the people of the State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Burrage".

STEVE BURRAGE, CPA
STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle R. Day".

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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

Most district attorneys in the state have a Property Forfeiture Fund. The fund is not subject to fiscal year limitations and is to be used for enforcement of controlled dangerous substances laws, drug abuse prevention and education, and is maintained by the District Attorney to be used at his or her discretion for those purposes. The revenues for said fund come from the proceeds of forfeited assets.

Any cash, vehicles, real property, or other assets used in the commission of or acquired as a result of a crime as described in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act is presumed to be forfeitable.

Asset forfeiture is an effective law enforcement tool used by local district attorneys to deprive criminals of their ill-gotten gains by seizing the proceeds of criminal activity and property used to facilitate crime. The proceeds of seized, forfeited assets make a substantial contribution to the investigation and prosecution of drug related offenses.



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Statutory Report

John Wampler
District Attorney, District 3
Jackson County Courthouse
Altus, Oklahoma 73521

For the purpose of complying with 74 O.S. §212 (E) and 63 O.S. §2-506, we have performed each of the following procedures as it relates to the records of the Property Forfeiture Fund for the fiscal year 2008:

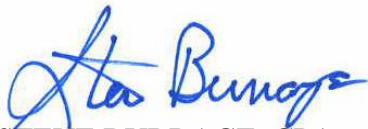
- Examine a group of receipts and deposit slips for propriety.
- Review sale documentation for selected cases to determine whether forfeited assets were sold after due notice at public auction to the highest bidder in accordance with 63 O.S. §2-508.C.3.
- Review the distribution of proceeds of the sale for selected cases to determine the distribution was in accordance with Court order pursuant to 63 O.S. §2-506.K.
- Determine whether expenditures tested were supported by approved claims, invoices, and independent verification that goods or services paid for were received in accordance with 63 O.S. §2-508.C.3.
- Determine whether the District Attorney prepared and submitted an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners showing the total deposits, total expenditures, beginning and ending balances in accordance with 63 O.S. §2-506.L.3.
- Determine whether expenditures were properly classified and whether the District Attorney reconciles the balance with the County Treasurer monthly in accordance with 63 O.S. §2-508.C.3.

Our engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any general-purpose financial statements of Jackson, Tillman, Kiowa, Harmon, or Greer County.

Based on our procedures performed, the District was properly receipting and depositing the proceeds of forfeitures; forfeited assets were sold after proper notice at public auction to the highest bidder; the proceeds of forfeitures were distributed as directed by Court orders; expenditures were supported by approved claims, invoices, and independent verification that goods or services paid for were received; the District Attorney prepared and submitted an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners; expenditures are properly classified and the District Attorney reconciled the balance of the Property Forfeiture Fund with the County Treasurer's records monthly.

We have included in this report a detailed analysis of the Property Forfeiture Fund.

This report is intended for the information and use of the District Attorney and Jackson, Tillman, Kiowa, Harmon, and Greer County officials. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



STEVE BURRAGE, CPA
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August 21, 2008

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PROPERTY FORFEITURE FUND ANALYSIS

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE ON JULY 1, 2007 \$ 106,231

INCOME

Cash forfeited	2,829
Court ordered assessments	15,593
Value non-cash assets forfeited and sold	26,122
Other	<u>8,229</u>

TOTAL INCOME (before distributions) 52,773

DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER AGENCIES

Grant match	<u>300</u>
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TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS 300

EXPENDITURES BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Personnel and benefits	27,680
Confidential informants	2,000
Education/prevention	250
Operating expense	3,692
Rent	700
Other, repair of vehicle, auditor, supplies	<u>1,694</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 36,016

ENDING CASH BALANCE ON JUNE 30, 2008 \$ 122,688



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