

2014 Annual Report

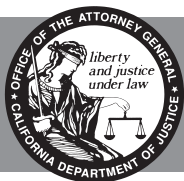
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Health and Safety Code Section 11495

11495. (a) The funds received by the law enforcement agencies under section 11489 shall be deposited into an account maintained by the Controller, county auditor, or city treasurer. These funds shall be distributed to the law enforcement agencies at their request. The Controller, auditor, or treasurer shall maintain a record of these disbursements which records shall be open to public inspection, subject to the privileges contained in sections 1040, 1041, and 1042 of the Evidence Code.
- (b) Upon request of the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the distributions are made, the Controller, auditor, or treasurer shall conduct an audit of these funds and their use. In the case of the state, the governing body shall be the Legislature.
- (c) Each year, the Attorney General shall publish a report which sets forth the following information for the state, each county, each city, and each city and county:
- (1) The number of forfeiture actions initiated.
 - (2) The number of cases and the administrative number or court docket number of each case for which forfeiture was ordered or declared.
 - (3) The value of the assets forfeited.
 - (4) The recipients of the forfeited assets, the amounts received, and the date of the disbursement.
- (d) The Attorney General shall develop administrative guidelines for the collection and publication of the information required in subdivision (c).
- (e) The Attorney General's report shall cover the calendar year and shall be made no later than March 1 of each year beginning with the year after the enactment of this law.

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INTRODUCTION

California's asset forfeiture statute, section 11495 of the Health and Safety Code, requires the Attorney General to publish an annual report that provides the following information for the state and each county:

- The number of forfeiture actions initiated during the report year.
- The number of cases and the administrative number or court docket number of each case for which forfeiture was ordered or declared during the report year.
- The value of the assets forfeited during the report year.
- The recipients of the forfeited assets, the amounts received, and the dates of the disbursements.

The information contained in this report covers seizures and forfeitures conducted pursuant to California law only. Federal seizures and forfeitures in which California law enforcement agencies participated or shared are not reported in this document.

The 20th annual report covers the 2014 calendar year.

HIGHLIGHTS

Statistics were solicited from California's 58 counties, 55 of which provided information for this report.

- A total of 3,460 forfeiture proceedings were initiated in 2014.
- A total of 3,037 forfeiture cases were completed during 2014, which included cases initiated in 2014 and prior years. The total value of the disbursed assets is \$29,148,436.
- Four counties reported no forfeiture cases in 2014, and three counties did not participate in this report.

METHODOLOGY

To comply with the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 11495, the Department of Justice (DOJ) reaches out to all California district attorneys, the officials conducting state forfeiture proceedings, to provide the DOJ with the required information for each forfeiture action conducted during the reporting period.

The DOJ collects the statistical data from all participating counties and converts the information into a uniform format suitable for printing. Prior to publishing this report, the counties are provided with a draft and have an opportunity to make corrections.

This report provides the information required by Health and Safety Code section 11495 on all forfeitures initiated during calendar year 2014, both by county and statewide. For forfeitures completed during calendar year 2014, detailed information is provided including the total number of completed cases, case numbers, asset values, and recipients of the forfeited assets.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11489, state asset forfeiture proceeds are distributed as follows:

- One percent to a private, nonprofit organization composed of local prosecutors for the exclusive purpose of providing a statewide program of education and training for prosecutors and law enforcement in the ethics and proper use of state asset forfeiture laws.
- Ten percent to the prosecutorial agency that processes the forfeiture action.
- Twenty-four percent to the State General Fund.
- Sixty-five percent to the state and/or local law enforcement agencies that participated in the seizure, distributed in a manner that reflects the proportionate contribution of each agency.
- Fifteen percent of the funds distributed to law enforcement must be deposited in a special fund which is maintained by a council made up of local government entities. This fund shall be used for the sole purpose of funding programs designed to combat drug abuse and divert gang activity.

METHODOLOGY continued

Some counties have reported the disposition of 15 percent of their share to a special fund, while others have not, nor are they required to. For those counties that include the 15 percent, the special fund's share is listed in Table 3 as going to "15%-11489" or to a county special fund.

In some cases in which the report lists only one law enforcement recipient, that agency may have made further distributions to other law enforcement agencies that assisted in that case.

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STATISTICAL DATA



forfeitures INITIATED

- Table 1 provides information on asset forfeiture actions initiated pursuant to California law during 2014.
- For purposes of this report, seizure of assets constitutes the initiation of a forfeiture action.
- Some cases listed involved forfeiture actions that were still pending after 2014. In other cases, forfeiture was ordered or declared and assets were distributed during 2014. (Details on the latter are provided in the “Forfeitures Completed” section.)
- The counties of Inyo, Mariposa, Mono and Sierra have no information listed in Table 1 because they did not initiate any forfeiture actions during 2014.
- The following counties did not participate in this report: Alpine, San Benito, and Trinity. Counties are not mandated to provide the DOJ with their asset forfeiture data.



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Table 1

County	Total Cases Initiated	Estimated Value of Assets Seized
ALAMEDA	251	\$1,808,133.38
ALPINE	0	\$0.00
AMADOR	8	\$27,577.74
BUTTE	33	\$88,735.99
CALAVERAS	1	\$6,525.00
COLUSA	1	\$2,600.00
CONTRA COSTA	139	\$3,148,655.18
DEL NORTE	1	\$1,260.00
EL DORADO	32	\$378,480.59
FRESNO	14	\$152,908.00
GLENN	5	\$48,566.00
HUMBOLDT	55	\$1,235,609.04
IMPERIAL	5	\$245,831.00
INYO	0	\$0.00
KERN	77	\$595,954.86
KINGS	5	\$28,862.00
LAKE	60	\$318,245.00
LASSEN	4	\$32,966.00
LOS ANGELES	447	\$4,684,507.41
MADERA	15	\$59,575.83
MARIN	12	\$404,823.23
MARIPOSA	0	\$0.00
MENDOCINO	224	\$3,366,991.13
MERCED	34	\$526,067.86
MODOC	2	\$11,434.00
MONO	0	\$0.00
MONTEREY	59	\$202,798.43
NAPA	32	\$107,263.05
NEVADA	41	\$301,513.98
ORANGE	138	\$915,824.32
PLACER	66	\$234,531.16
PLUMAS	1	\$2,182.00
RIVERSIDE	109	\$1,575,092.74
SACRAMENTO	401	\$3,125,688.39
SAN BENITO	0	\$0.00
SAN BERNARDINO	157	\$2,723,940.64
SAN DIEGO	16	\$124,603.00
SAN FRANCISCO	147	\$1,672,921.41
SAN JOAQUIN	85	\$509,254.85



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Table 1

County	Total Cases Initiated	Estimated Value of Assets Seized
SAN LUIS OBISPO	17	\$141,190.60
SAN MATEO	94	\$419,954.75
SANTA BARBARA	48	\$315,156.20
SANTA CLARA	13	\$36,633.00
SANTA CRUZ	13	\$12,821.11
SHASTA	52	\$809,770.55
SIERRA	0	\$0.00
SISKIYOU	25	\$421,118.01
SOLANO	89	\$233,353.43
SONOMA	95	\$2,099,367.72
STANISLAUS	35	\$260,148.46
SUTTER	17	\$61,113.53
TEHAMA	71	\$941,165.70
TRINITY	0	\$0.00
TULARE	24	\$217,107.16
TUOLUMNE	5	\$7,709.00
VENTURA	117	\$1,341,271.07
YOLO	55	\$245,961.02
YUBA	13	\$31,395.08
Total:	3,460	\$36,265,159.60

