

# GALVESTON COUNTY



## Office of County Auditor

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January 8, 2024

Honorable Mark A. Henry, County Judge, and  
Members of the Commissioners Court  
722 Moody Avenue  
Galveston, Texas 77550

Honorable Mark A. Henry and Members of the Court:

Attached to be received and filed is the Audited FY 2023 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report of the Sheriff's Office due to the state no later than 60 days after the county fiscal year. The audit was completed by the Auditor's Office for the Galveston County Sheriff's Office. The report covers the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. As required by statute, the report has been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

*Randall Rice CPA*

Randall Rice CPA  
County Auditor

cc: Henry Trochesset, Galveston County Sheriff

Attachment: FY 2023 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report  
FY 2023 Chapter 59 Audit Report



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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CHAPTER 59 ASSET FORFEITURE REPORT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

## Agency Information

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### Agency Information

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Year: 2023

Agency Name: [Galveston County Sheriff's Dept.](#)

Agency Mailing Street:

City: Galveston

601 54th St., Ste 2100

ZIP: 77551

State: TX

County: Galveston

Phone Number: (409) 766-2301

Agency Fiscal Beginning Month: October

Agency Fiscal Ending Month: September

## I. Seized Funds

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**Do not include federal seizures and/or forfeitures on this form. This form is only for those seizures and/or forfeitures made pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.**

### **Seized Funds Pursuant to Chapter 59**

*Funds that have been seized but have not yet been awarded/forfeited to your agency by the judicial system.*

A) Beginning Balance: \$142,522.80

### **B) Seizures During Reporting Period**

*Include only those seizures which occurred during the reporting period and where the seizure affidavit required by Article 59.03 is sworn to by a peace officer employed by your agency (E.G. seizing officer's affidavit).*

1) Amount seized and retained in your agency's custody: \$111,460.00

2) Amount seized and transferred to the District Attorney pending forfeiture: \$0.00

3) Total Seizures - This field will be auto-calculated when you SAVE or switch sections: \$111,460.00

C) Interest Earned on Seized Funds During Reporting Period: \$1,185.78

D) Amount Returned to Defendants/Respondents: \$8,082.14

E) Amount Transferred to Forfeiture Account: \$9,806.66

F) Other Reconciliation Items (Must provide detail in box below): (\$55,322.05)

Description:

Transfer to District Attorney (\$22,598.38+\$67.68 interest), Transfer to Other Police Department (\$28,576.56+\$35.82 interest), Transfer to District Clerk for Court Costs (\$4,043.61)

G) Ending Balance - This field will be auto-calculated when you SAVE or switch sections: \$181,957.73

Ending Balance - Mailed Form:

## II. Forfeited Funds & Other Court Awards

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### Forfeited Funds and Other Court Awards Pursuant to Chapter 59

*Funds awarded to your agency by the judicial system and which are available to spend.*

A) Beginning Balance: \$142,548.56

B) Amount Forfeited to and Received by Reporting Agency (Including Interest) During Reporting Period: \$10,270.38

C) Interest Earned on Forfeited Funds During Reporting Period: \$1,131.69

D) Amount Awarded Pursuant to 59.022: \$0.00

E) Amount Awarded Pursuant to 59.023: \$0.00

F) Proceeds Received by Your Agency From Sale of Forfeited Property: \$12,000.00

G) Amount Returned to Crime Victims: \$0.00

H) Other Reconciliation Items (Must provide detail in box below): \$0.00

Description:

I) Total Expenditures of Forfeited Funds During Reporting Period. This field will be auto-calculated once section VI has been completed and you save or switch sections.: \$51,716.59

J) Ending Balance - This field will be auto-calculated when you SAVE or switch sections.: \$114,234.04

I) Total Expenditure from Mailed Form:

J) Ending Balance from Mailed Form:

### III. Other Property

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**Other Property**

List the number of items seized for each category. Include only those seizures where a seizure is made by a peace officer employed by your agency. If property is sold, list under "Proceeds Received by Your Agency From Sale of Forfeited Property" in Section II (F) in the reporting year in which the proceeds are received. Please note - this should be a number not a currency amount. Example 4 cars seized, 3 cars forfeited and 0 cars put into use.

**A) Motor Vehicles (Include cars, motorcycles, tractor trailers,etc.)**

- 1) Seized: 2
- 2) Forfeited to Agency: 1
- 3) Returned to Defendants/Respondents: 1
- 4) Put into use by Agency: 0

**B) Real Property (Count each parcel seized as one item)**

- 1) Seized: 2
- 2) Forfeited to Agency: 0
- 3) Returned to Defendants/Respondents: 2
- 4) Put into use by Agency: 0

**C) Computers (Include computer and attached system components, such as printers and monitors, as one item)**

Please note - this should be a number not a currency amount. For example, 4 computers seized, 3 computers forfeited and 0 computers put into use.

- 1) Seized: 0
- 2) Forfeited to Agency: 0
- 3) Returned to Defendants/Respondents: 0
- 4) Put into use by Agency: 0

**D) Firearms (Include only firearms seized for forfeiture under Chapter 59. Do not include weapons disposed under Chapter 18)**

Please note - this should be a number not a currency amount. For example, 4 firearms seized, 3 firearms forfeited, 0 firearms put into use.

- 1) Seized: 0
- 2) Forfeited to Agency: 0
- 3) Returned to Defendants/Respondents: 0
- 4) Put into use by Agency: 0

**E) Other Property**

Please note - this should be a number not a currency amount. For example, 4 lots of tools seized, 3 lots of tools forfeited, 0 lots of tools put into use.

Description	Seized	Forfeited To Agency	Returned to Defendants/Respondents	Put into use by Agency
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## IV. Forfeited Property Received

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### **Forfeited Property Received From Another Agency**

*Enter the total number of items transferred to your agency where the forfeiture judgment awarded ownership of the property to another agency prior to the transfer.*

A) Motor Vehicles: 0

B) Real Property: 0

C) Computers: 0

D) Firearms: 0

E) Other: 0

## V. Forfeited Property Transferred/Loaned

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### **Forfeited Property Transferred or Loaned to Another Agency**

*Enter the total number of items transferred or loaned from your agency where the forfeiture judgment awarded ownership of the property to your agency prior to the transfer.*

A) Motor Vehicles: 0

B) Real Property: 0

C) Computers: 0

D) Firearms: 0

E) Other: 0

## VI. Expenditures: A - D

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### A) Salaries

1) Increase of Salary, Expense  
or Allowance for Employees \$0.00  
(Salary Supplements):

2) Salary Budgeted Solely \$0.00  
From Forfeited Funds:

3) Number of Employees Paid 0  
Using Forfeiture Funds:

4) TOTAL SALARIES PAID  
OUT OF CHAPTER 59 \$0.00  
FUNDS:

Total Salaries from Mailed  
Form:

### B) Overtime

1) For Employees Budgeted by \$0.00  
Governing Body:

2) For Employees Budgeted \$0.00  
Solely out of Forfeiture Funds:

3) Number of Employees Paid 0  
Using Forfeiture Funds:

4) TOTAL OVERTIME PAID  
OUT OF CHAPTER 59 \$0.00  
FUNDS:

Total Overtime from Mailed  
Form:

### C) Equipment

1) Vehicles: \$0.00

2) Computers: \$0.00

3) Firearms, Protective Body \$8,523.56  
Armor, Personal Equipment:

4) Furniture: \$0.00

5) Software: \$0.00

6) Maintenance Costs: \$0.00

- 7) Uniforms: \$0.00
- 8) K9 Related Costs: \$0.00
- 9) Other (Must provide detail in box below): \$38,768.03

Description:

vehicle lift, drone, breaching tool

10) TOTAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASED WITH CHAPTER 59 FUNDS: \$47,291.59

Total Equipment from Mailed Form:

**D) Supplies**

- 1) Office Supplies: \$0.00
- 2) Mobile Phone and Data Account Fees: \$0.00
- 3) Internet: \$0.00
- 4) Other (Must provide detail in box below): \$0.00

Description:

5) TOTAL SUPPLIES PURCHASED WITH CHAPTER 59 FUNDS: \$0.00

Total Supplies from Mailed Form:

## VI. Expenditures: E

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**E) Travel**

**1) In State Travel**

- a) Transportation: \$0.00
- b) Meals & Lodging: \$0.00
- c) Mileage: \$0.00



d) Incidental Expenses: \$0.00

e) Total In State Travel: \$0.00

Total In State Travel from  
Mailed Form:

## 2) Out of State Travel

a) Transportation: \$0.00

b) Meals & Lodging: \$0.00

c) Mileage: \$0.00

d) Incidental Expenses: \$0.00

e) Total Out of State Travel: \$0.00

Total Out of State Travel from  
Mailed Form:

## 3) Total Travel Paid Out of Chapter 59 Funds

Total Travel Paid Out of  
Chapter 59 Funds: \$0.00

Total Travel from Mailed Form:

# VI. Expenditures: F - G

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## F) Training

1) Fees (Conferences,  
Seminars): \$0.00

2) Materials (Books, CDs,  
Videos, etc.): \$0.00

3) Other (Must provide detail in  
box below): \$0.00

Description:

4) TOTAL TRAINING PAID  
OUT OF CHAPTER 59 \$0.00

FUNDS:

Total Training from Mailed Form:

**G) Investigative Costs**

- 1) Informant Costs: \$0.00
- 2) Buy Money: \$0.00
- 3) Lab Expenses: \$0.00
- 4) Other (Must provide detail in box below): \$4,425.00

Description:

Crash Data EDR Retrieval Kits

- 5) TOTAL INVESTIGATIVE COSTS PAID OUT OF CHAPTER 59 FUNDS: \$4,425.00

Total Investigative Costs from Mailed Form:

## VI. Expenditures: H - N

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**H) Prevention / Treatment Programs / Financial Assistance / Donation**

- 1) Total Prevention/Treatment Programs (pursuant to 59.06 (d-3(6), (h), (j) ): \$0.00
- 2) Total Financial Assistance (pursuant to Articles 59.06 (n) and (o) ): \$0.00
- 3) Total Donations (pursuant to Articles 59.06 (d-2)): \$0.00
- 4) Total scholarships to children of officers killed in the line of duty (pursuant to Article 59.06 (r)): \$0.00

5) TOTAL PREVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAMS/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS

(Pursuant to Articles 59.06 (d-3(6)), (h), (j), (n), (o), (d-2), (r)) - This field will be auto-calculated when you SAVE or switch sections:

Total  
PREVENTION/TREATMENT  
PROGRAMS/FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS  
from Mailed Form:

**I) Facility Costs**

- 1) Building Purchase: \$0.00
- 2) Lease Payments: \$0.00
- 3) Remodeling: \$0.00
- 4) Maintenance Costs: \$0.00
- 5) Utilities: \$0.00
- 6) Other (Must provide detail in box below): \$0.00

Description:

7) TOTAL FACILITY COSTS  
PAID OUT OF CHAPTER 59 FUNDS: \$0.00

Total Facility Costs from  
Mailed Form:

**J) Miscellaneous Fees**

- 1) Court Costs: \$0.00
- 2) Filing Fees: \$0.00
- 3) Insurance: \$0.00
- 4) Witness Fees (including travel and security): \$0.00
- 5) Audit Costs and Fees (including audit preparation and professional fees): \$0.00
- 6) Other (Must provide detail in box below): \$0.00

Description:

7) Total Miscellaneous Fees  
Paid Out of Chapter 59 Funds

- This will be auto-calculated \$0.00  
when you SAVE or switch  
sections:

Total Miscellaneous Costs  
from Mailed Form:

**K) Paid to State Treasury / General Fund / Health & Human Services Commission**

1) Total paid to State Treasury  
due to lack of local agreement \$0.00  
pursuant to 59.06 (c):

2) Total paid to State Treasury  
due to participating in task \$0.00  
force not established in  
accordance with 59.06 (q)(1):

3) Total paid to General Fund  
pursuant to 59.06 (c-3) (C) \$0.00  
(Texas Department of Public  
Safety only):

4) Total forfeiture funds  
transferred to the Health and \$0.00  
Human Services Commission  
pursuant to 59.06 (p):

5) TOTAL PAID TO STATE  
TREASURY/ GENERAL  
FUND/ HEALTH & HUMAN \$0.00  
SERVICES COMMISSION  
OUT OF CHAPTER 59  
FUNDS:

Total Paid to State  
Treasury/General fund/ Health  
& Human Services  
Commission from Mailed  
Form:

**L) Total Paid to Cooperating Agency(ies) Pursuant to Local Agreement**

TOTAL PAID TO  
COOPERATING \$0.00  
AGENCY(IES) PURSUANT  
TO LOCAL AGREEMENT:

**M) Total Other Expenses Paid Out of Chapter 59 Funds Which Are Not Accounted For In Previous Categories**

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES  
PAID OUT OF CHAPTER 59  
FUNDS WHICH ARE NOT  
ACCOUNTED FOR IN \$0.00  
PREVIOUS CATEGORIES  
(Must provide detail in box  
below):

Description:

## N) Total Expenditures

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$51,716.59

Total Expenditures from Mailed  
Form:

## Financial Professional Signature

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*After signing and pressing "Save", using your email address and password account access, and pursuant to the terms of service, you certify that you swear or affirm that the Commissioners Court, City Council or Head of Agency (if no governing body) has requested that you conduct the audit required by Article 59.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and that upon diligent inspection of all relevant documents and supporting materials, you believe that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of your Knowledge.*

Do you acknowledge the  
above terms : Yes

Typed Name of  
Auditor/Treasurer/Accounting  
Professional/Preparer:: Randall Rice CPA

Title: County Auditor

## Head of Agency Certification

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*After signing and pressing "Submit" using your email address and password account access, and pursuant to the terms of service you swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that you have accounted for the seizure, forfeiture, receipt, and specific expenditure of all proceeds and property subject to Chapter 59 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and that upon diligent inspection of all relevant documents and supporting materials, this asset forfeiture report is true and correct and contains all information required by Article 59.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. You further swear or affirm that, to the best of your knowledge, all expenditures reported herein were lawful and proper, and made in accordance with Texas law.*

Do you acknowledge the  
above terms : Yes

Year: 2023

Typed Name of Head of Henry A.

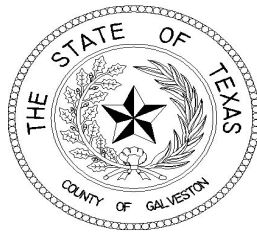
Agency:: Trochesset

Title: Sheriff of Galveston  
County

Date: 11/29/2023

Comments:

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December 14, 2023

**To:** Henry Trochesset  
Galveston County Sheriff

**From:** Randall Rice CPA  
Galveston County Auditor

**Re:** Sheriff's Office Chapter 59 Report and Inventory for Fiscal Year 2023

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A review of the Chapter 59 Asset Forfeitures was performed from October 23, 2023 to December 12, 2023. This review included filling out the form required for the state, as well as a physical inventory of forfeitures under Chapter 59 in the Sheriff's Office possession.

### **Chapter 59 Form**

The state of Texas requires the Sheriff's Office to submit an audited report to the state, no later than 60 days after the end of the county fiscal year, which accounts for the seizure, forfeiture, receipt and specific expenditure for all of the proceeds and property seized and/or forfeited under Chapter 59. This form was submitted to the state on November 29, 2023.

### **Chapter 59 Inventory**

An inventory of assets in the possession of the Sheriff's Office forfeited under Chapter 59 was performed. There were no exceptions noted during the inventory of forfeited assets.

We would like to thank Sheriff Trochesset and his staff for their cooperation and assistance.

cc: Madeline Walker CPA CFE, First Assistant County Auditor