# GALVESTON COUNTY



# **Office of County Auditor**

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January 28, 2019

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 2018 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, 2017 to September 30, 2018. As required by statute, the report has been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General. Also attached is the response letter from Sheriff Trochesset dated January 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

Randall Rice

**CPA** 

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Randall Rice CPA
County Auditor

cc: Henry Trochesset, Galveston County Sheriff

Attachment: FY 2018 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report

FY 2018 Chapter 59 Audit Report

Response Letter, Henry Trochesset, Galveston County Sheriff

# **Agency Information**

# Agency Information

Year: 2018 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

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: \$41,907.00

### **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: \$25,759.00

Amount seized and transferred to the District \$121,058.00
 Attorney pending forfeiture:

Total Seizures - This field will be auto-calculated when \$146,817.00 you SAVE or switch sections:

C) Interest Earned on Seized

Funds During Reporting \$546.00

Period:

D) Amount Returned to Defendants/Respondents:

\$405.00

E) Amount Transferred to Forfeiture Account:

\$8,662.00

F) Other Reconciliation Items

(Must provide detail in box (\$2,551.00)

below):

Description:

Transfer to the District Attorney (2,105); Court Costs (446)

G) Ending Balance - This field

will be auto-calculated when \$56,594.00

you SAVE or switch sections:

Ending Balance - Mailed Form:

# II. Forfeited Funds & Other Court Awards

## 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: \$188,035.00

B) Amount Forfeited to and

Received by Reporting Agency \$3,910.00 (Including Interest) During

Reporting Period:

C) Interest Earned on Forfeited

Funds During Reporting \$3,623.00

Period:

D) Amount Awarded Pursuant

to 59.022:

\$0.00

E) Amount Awarded Pursuant \$0.00

to 59.023:

F) Proceeds Received by Your

Agency From Sale of Forfeited \$5,135.00

Property:

G) Amount Returned to Crime

Victims:

\$0.00

H) Other Reconciliation Items

(Must provide detail in box \$0.00

below):

Description:

I) Total Expenditures of Forfeited Funds During Reporting Period. This field will

be auto-calculated once \$32,319.00 section VI has been completed

> and you save or switch sections .:

J) Ending Balance - This field will be auto-calculated when \$168,384,00

you SAVE or switch sections...

I) Total Expenditure from Mailed Form:

J) Ending Balance from Mailed Form:

# III. Other Property

## **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: 9 2) Forfeited to Agency: 0 3) Returned to Defendants/Respondents: 4) Put into use by Agency: 0 1) Seized: 0
- B) Real Property (Count each parcel seized as one item)
  - 2) Forfeited to Agency: 0
    - 3) Returned to
  - Defendants/Respondents:
  - 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: 3
- 2) Forfeited to Agency: 0
  - 3) Returned to
- Defendants/Respondents:
- 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:
- 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
Miscellaneous Other Property	143	0	0	1

# IV. Forfeited Property Received

# 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

# 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: 4

# VI. Expenditures: A - D

# A) Salaries

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

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

3) Number of Employees Paid 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 Governing Body: \$0.00

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

3) Number of Employees Paid Using Forfeiture Funds:

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

Total Overtime from Mailed Form:

## C) Equipment

1) Vehicles: \$11,358.00

2) Computers: \$0.00

3) Firearms, Protective Body Armor, Personal Equipment: \$4,763.00

4) Furniture: \$1,152.00

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 \$7,820.00

box below):

Description:

Vehicle vaults: 2,300; Fire safes: 5,520

10) TOTAL EQUIPMENT

PURCHASED WITH \$25,093.00

**CHAPTER 59 FUNDS:** 

Total Equipment from Mailed

Form:

D) Supplies

1) Office Supplies: \$0.00

2) Mobile Phone and Data

Account Fees:

3) Internet: \$0.00

\$1,406.00

\$0.00

4) Other (Must provide detail in

box below):

Description:

5) TOTAL SUPPLIES

PURCHASED WITH \$1,406.00

**CHAPTER 59 FUNDS:** 

**Total Supplies from Mailed** 

Form:

# VI. Expenditures: E

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 \$0.00 Chapter 59 Funds:

Total Travel from Mailed Form:

# VI. Expenditures: F - G

## F) Training

1) Fees (Conferences, Seminars):

2) Materials (Books, CDs, \$0.00

Videos, etc.):

3) Other (Must provide detail in \$0.00

box below):

Description:

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

Total Training from Mailed

## **G) Investigative Costs**

1) Informant Costs: \$0.00

2) Buy Money: \$5,820.00

\$0.00

3) Lab Expenses: \$0.00

4) Other (Must provide detail in

box below):

Description:

5) TOTAL INVESTIGATIVE

COSTS PAID OUT OF \$5,820.00

**CHAPTER 59 FUNDS:** 

Total Investigative Costs from Mailed Form:

# VI. Expenditures: H - N

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

1) Total Prevention/Treatment Programs (pursuant to 59.06 \$0.00

(d-3(6), (h), (j) ):

2) Total Financial Assistance

(pursuant to Articles 59.06 (n) \$0.00

and (o) ):

3) Total Donations (pursuant to

Articles 59.06 (d-2)):

4) Total scholarships to

children of officers killed in the line of duty (pursuant to Article \$0.00

59.06 (r)):

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:

# 1) 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

\$0.00

6) Other (Must provide detail in

box below):

Description:

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

**FUNDS:** 

**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 \$0.00

travel and security):

5) Audit Costs and Fees

(including audit preparation \$0.00

and professional fees):

6) Other (Must provide detail in \$0.00

box below):

Description:

7) Total Miscellaneous Fees Paid Out of Chapter 59 Funds  This will be auto-calculated 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 force not established in accordance with 59.06 (q)(1):

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

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

5) TOTAL PAID TO STATE TREASURY/ GENERAL FUND/ HEALTH & HUMAN 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
AGENCY(IES) PURSUANT
TO LOCAL AGREEMENT:
\$0.00

## 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: \$32,319.00

Total Expenditures from Mailed Form:

# Financial Professional Signature

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:

Typed Name of Auditor/Treasurer/Accounting Randall Rice

Professional/Preparer::

Title: County Auditor

# **Head of Agency Certification**

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:

Year: 2018

Typed Name of Head of Henry A.

Agency:: Trochesset

Title: Sheriff

Date: 11/27/2018

Comments:

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# **Office of County Auditor**

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December 26, 2018

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 2018

A review of the Chapter 59 Asset Forfeitures was performed from October 25, 2018 to December 26, 2018. 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 27, 2018.

## **Chapter 59 Inventory**

An inventory of assets in the possession of the Sheriff's Office forfeited under Chapter 59 was performed.

Finding: Three forfeited items were not located during the audit:

- Flat screen television, Vizio 50, inches
- Flat screen television, Acer, 20 inches
- Flat screen television, Dynex, 32 inches

Recommendation SO59-18-01: All forfeited assets not transferred or sold should be tracked by the Sheriff's Office.

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

cc: Kristin Bulanek CIA, First Assistant County Auditor



# Henry Trochesset SHERIFF Galveston County

Darrell Isaacks
Chief Deputy, Administration
409.766.2302

409.766.2300

Douglas Hudson Chief Deputy, Corrections 409,766.2303

January 11, 2019

TO: Mr. Randall Rice, CPS

County Auditor- Galveston County

Re: Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture audit – GCSO

Mr. Rice:

I am in receipt of the Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture audit and am aware of the unlocated items. The property room personnel are continuing to do their due diligence in searching the items.

Thank you for your team's patience and assistance while conducting the audit. They are always extremely helpful and professional dealing with our staff's sometime hectic schedule.

I see no need in conducting an exit conference and have no objections to the final report.

Respectfully,

Henry Trochesset, Sheriff Galveston County, Texas