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# **REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM:** Bradley C. Osgood – Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Merrimack County Superior Court - Voluntarily Forfeited Funds

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the acceptance and appropriation of \$36,013 in US currency which, as part of a plea agreement issued out of the Merrimack County Superior Court, has been voluntarily forfeited by the defendants and designated to be utilized by the Concord Police Department Drug Enforcement Unit in furtherance of drug investigations within the City.

## **Background**

The Concord Police Department Drug Enforcement Unit conducted investigations which resulted in the arrest of two individuals on drug related charges. During the course of these investigations, the Drug Enforcement Unit seized \$36,013 of US currency as evidence.

The cases against each defendant were resolved through plea agreements approved by the Merrimack County Superior Court (docket #217-2015-CR-00881 and docket #217-2015-CR-00865). As part of each plea agreement the defendants voluntarily forfeited the currency seized during the investigation to the Concord Police Department Drug Enforcement Unit. Per the plea agreements these funds were stipulated to be utilized the Drug Enforcement Unit in furtherance of illegal drug investigations within the City.

## **Discussion**

These funds, voluntarily forfeited by the two defendants as part of plea agreements, will be utilized by the Department's Drug Enforcement Unit to provide additional funding for buy money, specialized training, and also specialized equipment utilized by the Drug Enforcement Unit. It is recommended that the City Council accept and appropriate these funds.