

AUDITOR'S REPORT

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FEDERAL SEIZED AND FORFEITED ASSETS TWELVE MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2021



July 30, 2021

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Dear Sheriff Gonzalez:

The Harris County Auditor's Office Audit Division performed procedures relative to the Harris County Sheriff's Office Federal Seized and Forfeited Assets audit engagement, for the 12 months ended February 28, 2021.

The objectives of this engagement were to selectively test whether:

- Forfeited bank account statements reconciled to their respective balances recorded in the County's financial records.
- Forfeited assets provided by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of the Treasury were accurately and timely recorded in County's financial records.
- Disbursements from the Sheriff's Office forfeited asset bank accounts were properly authorized, appropriately supported, and accurately recorded in the County's financial records.
- Disbursements from the Sheriff's Office forfeited asset bank accounts were in compliance with the standards of the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of the Treasury Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies.

Results

In connection with the procedures performed, no issues were noted.

Accountability

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing ("Standards"). The Standards require that we comply with the Code of Ethics and obtain reasonable assurance that significant risks to the activity are minimized to an acceptable level.

The engagement's scope did not include a detailed inspection of all transactions. There is a risk that fraud or errors were not detected during this engagement. Therefore, the official retains the responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of their financial records, and for ensuring sufficient controls are in place to detect and prevent fraud, errors, or omissions.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez
Harris County Sheriff's Office

We appreciate the time and attention provided by your team. Please expect an email request to complete our Post Engagement Survey. We look forward to your feedback. If you have any questions, please contact me or Errika Perkins, Chief Assistant County Auditor, 713-274-5673.

Sincerely,



Michael Post
County Auditor

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