



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Diana Becton
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

October 29, 2020

Robert Campbell, Auditor-Controller
625 Court Street
Martinez, CA 94553

RE: Relief of cash shortage in the District Attorney's Office - Special Operations
Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund

Robert Campbell,

A defendant in a case entered a negotiated disposition where the terms and conditions state that \$71,830 seized pursuant to a search warrant be released to the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).

Three significant events occurred:

1. On June 17, 2014, \$71,830 was seized and deposited.
2. On February 05, 2015, \$71,830 was then disbursed to the DIR.
3. On October 09, 2019, an overpayment occurred when our office again processed the disbursement for \$71,830 plus interest. Check 023269 in the amount of \$74,441.53 was issued to the DIR.

The disbursement made in error to the DIR has already been distributed to the victims of the case. The District Attorney's Office is coordinating with the DIR on a potential refund to the County of Contra Costa in an amount up to \$74,441.53 over time. This will be dependent on the defendant's future payments in accordance with their negotiated disposition.

Due to the prior accounting structure uniquely implemented by the District Attorney's Office when the initial deposit and disbursement was made in 2014/2015, the subsequent overpayment was able to inadvertently occur. The prior accounting structure is longer utilized, and funds have been transferred into a County Trust Fund subject to all internal controls, practices, and procedures.

A relief of the cash shortage in the amount of \$74,441.53 is being requested to balance the account, allowing the District Attorney's Office to make immediate disbursements for other unrelated cases per court order.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance. I can be reached at (925) 957-2234 or Jason.Chan@contracostada.org.

I verify, under penalty of perjury, that there is no fraud or gross negligence involved, and that the statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge based on the facts, reports, and documentation I have been privy to.

Sincerely,



Jason Chan, Chief of Administrative Services
Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office