



Department of  
**Safety &  
Homeland Security**

Legal Division/ Office of General Counsel

As required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-33-216<sup>1</sup> the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOSHS) reports the following information for **Calendar Year 2016**.

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**TOTAL Cases Opened: 9,420**

- The total number of cases is the number of cases entered into the case management system.
- Although a case is opened in 2016, it may not be closed until a later year.

**TOTAL Number of Cases with Reported Arrests: 5,513**

- Agencies started reporting arrests made at time of seizure in January 2016. Reporting arrests made at time of seizure became mandatory on July 01, 2016.
- The number from January 1, 2016 through June 31, 2016 (when arrests were being reported, but reporting was not mandatory): 1,993.
- The number from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (when reporting arrests was mandatory): 3,520.
- This number does not include indictments (arrests) that happened after the seizure notice was sent to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

**TOTAL Number of Cases that Resulted in Forfeiture: 7,617**

- Cases resulting in forfeiture may have been opened in a previous year, but closed in 2016.
- Cases resulting in forfeiture because no petition for a hearing was filed in 2016: 5,708.
- The remaining cases resulted in forfeiture through a contested case order (Administrative Law Judge Order) or Settlement Order (settlement between the parties).

**TOTAL Currency Seized: \$17,138,705.22**

**TOTAL Currency Forfeited: \$17,298,609.72**

- The currency forfeited includes money from cases opened in a previous year, but closed in 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-33-216, annual seizure report by department, states: "By March 1 of each year, the Department of Safety shall report to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives and the chairs of the judiciary committee of the senate, civil justice committee of the house of representatives, and criminal justice committee of the house of representatives, a report detailing, for the previous calendar year: (1) The total number of seizure cases opened by the department; (2) The number of seizure cases where an arrest was made; (3) The total number of cases resulting in forfeiture; (4) The types of property seized under this part and the totals of each type; (5) The amount of currency seized; and (6) The amount of currency forfeited."

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Explanations:

- Property subtype names (categories) are those used by law enforcement in the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS).
- 'Quantity Seized' is the number of items seized in 2016. The numbers in 'Quantity Forfeited' and 'Quantity Returned' will not equal the numbers in 'Quantity Seized' because cases closed in 2016 may have been opened in a previous year and cases opened in 2016 may still be open and will not close until a later year.
- The determination of 'Forfeited' or 'Returned' is made either by Administrative Forfeiture (no petition filed within the required 30 days), contested case order (Administrative Law Judge Order), or Settlement Order (settlement between the parties).

**TOTAL Seizures by Property Subtype:**

|   | Quantity Seized 2016 |  | Quantity Forfeited 2016 | Quantity Returned 2016 |
|---|----------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Bank Accounts/Investment Accounts/Stocks/ Prepaid Credit/Debit Cards/Cashiers' Checks/Money Orders/Gift Cards   | 44                   |  | 25                      | 3                      |
| Building Materials (drywall, lumber, etc.) and Tools  | 316                  |  | 24                      | 31                     |
| Camping/Hunting/Fishing/Recreational/Sports Equipment   | 83                   |  | 23                      | 20                     |
| Communication Devices (cell phones, mobile phones, pagers, etc.)  | 442                  |  | 342                     | 9                      |
| Clothes/Furs/Purses/Handbags/Wallets  | 247                  |  | 188                     | 0                      |
| Collections/Collectibles  | 100                  |  | 22                      | 12                     |
| Computer/Hardware/Software and Recordings - Audio/Visual (CDs/DVDs) and Radios/TVs/VCRs/Cameras   | 405                  |  | 182                     | 15                     |
| Documents/Personal or Business (affidavits, applications, certificates, pawn shop slips, patents, blueprints, bids/proposals, U.S. mail; no identity documents) | 43                   |  | 2                       | 0                      |
| Firearm Accessories   | 127                  |  | 69                      | 0                      |
| Firearms  | 362                  |  | 296                     | 2                      |

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|  | Quantity Seized 2016 |  | Quantity Forfeited 2016 | Quantity Returned 2016 |
|--|----------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Jewelry/Precious Metals  | 181                  |  | 35                      | 36                     |
| Lawn/Farm/Construction Equipment   | 98                   |  | 61                      | 2                      |
| Motorized Transportation Parts/Accessories (aircraft, vehicle, watercraft parts/accessories) | 35                   |  | 5                       | 5                      |
| Office Equipment/Safes/Digital Scales  | 15                   |  | 8                       | 0                      |
| Trailers   | 26                   |  | 12                      | 6                      |
| Weapons (other than firearms)  | 61                   |  | 57                      | 0                      |

**TOTAL Vehicles by Vehicle Subtype:**

|                            | Quantity Seized 2016 |  | Quantity Forfeited 2016 | Quantity Returned 2016 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Boats                      | 15                   |  | 8                       | 2                      |
| Campers/Motorhomes         | 6                    |  | 1                       | 1                      |
| Motorcycles                | 139                  |  | 99                      | 33                     |
| Passenger Cars/Sedans      | 3,054                |  | 2,127                   | 862                    |
| Recreational Vehicles/ATVs | 67                   |  | 35                      | 13                     |
| Trucks/SUVs/Vans           | 1,987                |  | 1,366                   | 583                    |