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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
INVESTIGATION DIVISION
(NDI)**

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Authority: The Division receives its general authority and mandates under NRS 484.400 to 480.610 and NRS Chapters 453 and 179

Purpose: **Major/General Crimes & Polygraph Services:** Provides statewide investigative assistance to include, but not limited to, homicides, death investigations, child abuse, child neglect, sexual assault, theft, fraud, embezzlement, internal affairs investigations and any crimes involving the automobile industry. Other services include polygraph examinations for criminal, internal, pre-employment and paroled and probationary sexual offenders, and the maintenance of a missing person/unidentified deceased database. Investigators respond to calls for assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Enforcement of Controlled Substance Laws: The DPS Investigation Division has statewide jurisdiction for narcotic enforcement and utilizes a variety of investigative techniques. The criminal cases are made through the purchase of evidence and/or information, the interdiction of illegal narcotics or illegal cash proceeds on the highways and public transportation systems, through covert contacts and surveillance of identified manufacturers, distributors and traffickers of illegal controlled substances.

Additionally, the Division has a responsibility for statewide narcotic diversion investigations. Diversion is the procurement of legitimate controlled substances for illegal purposes. This may involve fraud or deception to obtain prescription drugs from doctors, pharmacies or hospitals.

Special Investigations: The DPS Investigation Division collects, analyzes and disseminates information on traditional and non-traditional organized crime, criminal gangs and criminally orientated extremists groups. The Unit interacts and exchanges criminal information with all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. It is the State Point-of-Contact for the International Police Organization (INTERPOL). Its mission includes active participation in Nevada's Homeland Security concerns.

BUDGET: \$ 4,680,966 for FY04, 4,703,270 for FY05

STAFFING: Authorized personnel FY02/03..... 81
Authorized personnel w/ 3% reduction 79
Filled 71

Governor Recommends as of July 1, 2003 40
Forty (40) full time employees, thirty-two (32) sworn, and eight (8) non-sworn.

**REDUCTION
IN FORCE:**

The governors recommendations calls for the elimination of twenty-one general funded positions and eighteen grant positions. This includes the withdrawal of participation in the narcotic task forces located in Ely, Elko, Fallon, Winnemucca, Mesquite, Carson City, and South Lake Tahoe. In total 24 sworn positions are eliminated and 15 non-sworn. The Investigation division will continue to staff offices and personnel in North Western Nevada, Southern Nevada, and North Eastern Nevada.

CHALLENGE: The challenge will be to provide a professional and effective investigative service to the various criminal justice agencies throughout the State of Nevada upon request, with a significant reduction of personnel (-39).

Goal I: Provide investigative assistance to other criminal justice agencies.

Objectives

Conduct effective criminal investigations.

Provide timely completion of investigative assistance.

Provide for a well trained criminal justice professional staff.

Goal II: Collect, analyze and disseminate criminal investigative information.

Objectives

Utilize an automated system to collect accurate criminal information.

Support multi agency/jurisdictional investigations with criminal information analysis.

Disseminate accurate information about crime and criminals.

Goal III:

Promote professionalism in the criminal justice community.

Objectives

To provide training to law enforcement agencies and personnel.

Participate in community awareness presentations.

Maintain an internet website to provide information and education.

**COMPLIANCE
WITH
STATUTORY
AUTHORITY:**

The Investigation Division will continue to participate in a variety of enforcement programs, general investigations, and other services at the request of law enforcement agencies. Examples of these are;

- Administrative Investigations
- Background Investigations for new hires
- Polygraph Services
- General crimes against persons and property
- Interpol
- Homeland Security
- Intelligence gathering
- Agency assists for information
- HIDTA (high intensity drug trafficking area) participation
- Highway drug interdiction
- Vehicle crime investigations

**PERFORMANCE
INDICATORS:**

During the first six months of FY03, the division opened 260 narcotic cases and arrested 233 individuals. During the same period last year there were 324 cases opened and 265 arrests.* (Less cases opened but more arrests per case for FY03)

During the first six months of FY03, the division opened 103 non-narcotic investigations and made (32) arrests. During the same time period last year the division opened 85 cases and made 35 arrests.

*(More cases opened but less arrests per case for FY03)

During the first six months of FY03, the division conducted 108 polygraphs compared to 88 during the same time period last year.

*(Increase)

Conducted 32 law enforcement classes with a total of 365 attendees
Conducted 16 classes (civilian) with a total of 736 attendees.

DRUG PURCHASES

AND SEIZURES: During the first six months (FY03) -

- *Total value of cocaine seized or purchased \$2, 350,000.00
- *Total value of methamphetamine seized or purchased \$996,000.00
- * Total value of heroin \$167,000.00
- * 498 pounds of precursor chemicals seized .
- * value of marijuana \$5,600,000.00
- * 15 methamphetamine labs were seized

FORFEITURE

FUNDS:

Forfeiture funds have been obligated during past years to match the Byrne Grant, budget account 3744. The total amount of money available to the Department of Public Safety is \$1,732,629. Out of the above, \$835,698 is available to the Investigation Division.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Successful completion of the AeroTech Case (4,000 work hours) in Southern Nevada.
- * Successful prosecution of murder suspect in Mineral county.
- * On going and current murder investigation assisting Southern Nevada (Mesquite).
- * Outside Agency requests for NON-NARCOTIC casework - During the calendar year 2002, 138 cases were opened wherein law enforcement agencies requested NDI's assistance.