County Data on Civil Asset Forfeiture in Alabama

This study examined all civil asset forfeiture cases filed in 14 Alabama counties during 2015. The 1,110 cases comprised 70 percent of all such cases filed that year. Of those cases, there were final dispositions in 827 by October 2017, resulting in nearly $2.2 million being awarded to agencies in those counties. The following county data is arranged in order of the counties that received the most cash in forfeiture cases.
In at least three cases here, judges handed down atypical consent judgments in which the respondent was allowed to pay a certain amount of money to the Sheriff’s Department in order to get property back. In 11% of cases linked to criminal charges, the person charged was black (county is 4% black).

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

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<th>Department</th>
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<tr>
<td>Leesburg Police Department</td>
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<td>Cherokee County Sheriff’s Department</td>
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COUNTIES REVIEWED

Arranged in order of the counties that received the most cash in forfeiture cases.

1. Mobile                      8. Covington
4. Tuscaloosa                  11. Pike
5. Houston                    12. DeKalb
7. Calhoun                    14. Marion