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.



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COVINGTON COUNTY

The 22nd Circuit Judicial Drug Task Force seized two pieces of real estate. Seizing real property is lucrative but uncommon in the other counties reviewed. One of the properties, seized from a black man who died during criminal proceedings, was sold in 2017 for \$76,000. In the county's two other forfeiture cases, the individuals charged with crimes related to the forfeiture action were white (county is 13% black).



STATE'S WINNING PERCENTAGE

0%

CASES WHERE CRIMINAL CHARGES NOT FILED AGAINST PROPERTY OWNER / DISPOSED CASES RESULTING IN DEFAULT JUDGMENT



WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Office of The District Attorney of the 22nd Judicial Circuit	\$4,408
22nd Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force	\$17,634

COUNTIES REVIEWED

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

Mobile
Montgomery
Madison
Montgomery
Jefferson
Tuscaloosa
Houston
Shelby
Cherokee
Calhoun
Covington
St. Clair
DeKalb
Cherokee
Amarion