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The Ethics of Asset Forfeiture Programs (introduction)

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Asset Forfeiture POP Guide

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Asset Forfeiture (Problem-Oriented Guide for Police), 2008
by John L. Worrall

Explores using Asset Forfeiture to:

- ❖ Disrupt criminal enterprises
- ❖ Address specific chronic crime problems (e.g., illegal drug markets, nuisance properties, street racing, drunk driving, revoked licenses, prostitution)
- ❖ Augment police budget; support initiatives

Cautionary Consequences:

- ❖ Profit motive
- ❖ Threats to Due Process
- ❖ Potential for Abuse
- ❖ Strain on police-community relationship





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Workshop Focus

What are the ethical considerations of asset forfeiture program policies and practices?

Workshop presenters:

- ❖ Sgt. James Cox – Fairfax County (VA) Police Department, Special Investigations / Narcotics/Money Laundering Unit
- ❖ Dexter Lee – Senior Litigation Counsel, U.S. Attorney's Office, Civil Division, Southern District of Florida (Miami)
- ❖ Alice Dery – Deputy Chief, U.S. DOJ Criminal Division, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section



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