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VIA FAXSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

Don Nelson  
Finance Director  
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**Re: State Attorney Forfeiture Operating Expense Account**

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you so much for speaking to Mr. Mannelli, Ms. Savoldy and myself regarding your City's management of the State Attorney (SAO) Forfeiture Operating Expense Account (UC1) as part of Coral Gables' overall fiscal responsibility for the multi-agency South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force (SFMLSF). We are very grateful for your City's long-term assistance to the SAO as regards management of that account.

As you may know, the State of Florida is experiencing significant revenue shortfalls in the current fiscal year. In response, the legislature has granted budget authorization for State Attorneys to utilize forfeiture monies during fiscal 2008/2009 to augment our reduced funds. In line with this specific legislative authorization, we would like to liquidate any uncommitted SAO forfeiture monies currently maintained in the UC1 account.

We are told that there is approximately \$315,000 in the account, of which approximately \$57,000 is previously committed to fund the SAO's Multi-Agency Gang Strike Force. Accordingly, we would like Coral Gables to remit to the SAO the remaining uncommitted dollars.

Going forward, the SAO will receive its forfeiture share distributions from the SFMLSF in the same manner as all other participating agencies and will not need Coral Gables to manage UC1. However, we are not able as an agency to manage the remaining committed Gang Strike

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Force funds. We would greatly appreciate it if the City could manage those funds until they are depleted. We anticipate that by the end of the 2009 calendar year the gang entity will exhaust the account balance. Thereafter, the City would be completely relieved of its service to the SAO as regards UC1.

Once again, on behalf of the State Attorney's Office, thank you and your City for its assistance.

Sincerely,

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