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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Marc Basnight
Representative Joe Hackney

FROM: *Tracy A. Little*
Tracy A. Little, Deputy Secretary

DATE: February 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Use of Seized and Forfeited Property Transferred to State Law Enforcement Agencies
By the Federal Government

Section 15.1.(a) of Session Law 2005-276 (Senate Bill 622) requires the Department of Correction to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations before using any seized and forfeited property transferred to state law enforcement agencies pursuant to federal law. Pursuant to Section 15.1.(a), the Department of Correction reports its intent to use \$58,826 in federal seizure funds to supplement the replacement of officer flashlights in the Division of Community Corrections. The current flashlights have been in use for more than 10 years and have reached their maximum lifecycles.

The Division of Community Corrections has conducted extensive research during the past year and has found that the industry standards for flashlights have changed significantly since the purchase of the model and type currently in use. The Division will use the funds to purchase flashlights that meet current standards, are lighter in weight, provide greater illumination and range, have longer battery life and are rechargeable. The forfeiture funds will be used to purchase approximately 828 flashlights to be used statewide.

Staff from the Department of Correction will be available to provide additional information.

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