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PRINCE EDWARD COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY CONTRIBUTES MONEY TO FARMVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

FARMVILLE, VA – The Prince Edward County Commonwealth Attorney, Jim Ennis, contributed \$4,500 to the Farmville Police Department for the purchase of computer hardware and software that will greatly enhance the abilities of detectives to investigate and prepare cases for criminal prosecution. The funds come from the Commonwealth Attorney's Forfeited Asset Fund and were accumulated over the years from the seizure and forfeiture of property used in connection with the distribution of narcotics, or which represent the proceeds of drug sales.

The Code of Virginia allows law enforcement agencies to retain these forfeited funds in order to defray the costs of law enforcement. The funds are administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services and are subject to audit annually as to their use for law enforcement purposes. Upon seizure of property under this law, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office institutes a civil forfeiture proceeding in the Circuit Court and upon proof that the property or cash was used in the distribution of drugs, a court order is entered forfeiting the property or cash to the Commonwealth of Virginia or the law enforcement agency responsible for the seizure. In 1995 the Farmville Police Department contributed forfeited asset funds to the Prince Edward County Commonwealth Attorney to defray the cost of the transition from a part time to a full time office.

According to Chief Mooney, "the close working relationship the Farmville Police Department has with the Commonwealth Attorney's office results in better service for the citizens of

Farmville. The contribution by Mr. Ennis is a good example of this and will greatly help to enhance our investigative abilities.”

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