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Honorable Mike DeWine
Ohio Attorney General
State Office Tower
30 E. Broad Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3428

RE: Property Purchased by the Furtherance of Justice Fund,
Law Enforcement Trust Fund and/or the Major Drug Fund

Dear Attorney General Mike DeWine:

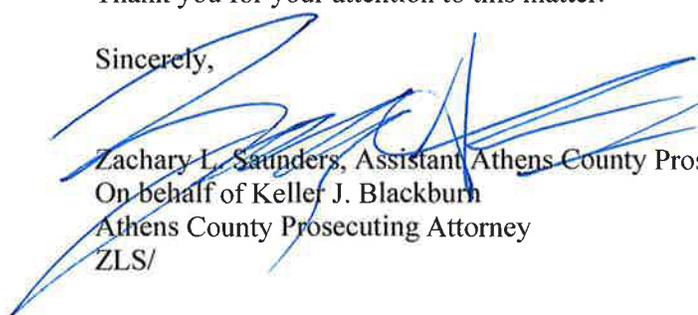
I am requesting an opinion from you regarding the following questions:

1. Whether property purchased by funds solely from the Furtherance of Justice Fund ("FOJ"), Law Enforcement Trust Fund ("LETf") and/or the Major Drug Fund ("MDF") is property of the county office that used the funds to purchase the property, or is the property purchased property of the county?
2. Does covert law enforcement equipment purchased by a county prosecutor's office or a county sheriff's office by funds from the FOJ, LETf, and/or MDF need to be listed as a capital asset pursuant to R.C. § 305.18 or any other applicable provision, on the county's asset list?
3. Lastly, can a county prosecutor or county sheriff use a per diem system for travel reimbursement for meals by using the FOJ, LETf, and/or MDF? If so, what would be the proper accounting system used to implement and track the per diem process?

I would appreciate your rendering an opinion on this matter. If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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On behalf of Keller J. Blackburn
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