HOW TO REQUEST AN OOCIC TASK FORCE

Agencies can request an OOCIC task force investigation by submitting a written proposal outlining the scope and specifics of the investigation, including:

- A summary of the suspected criminal activity and the targets involved, including the names of and specific information related to those involved
- A plan for the investigation of the targets involved, including an estimate of when the investigation will be completed and the counties encompassed in the investigation
- A list of participating law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices
- A list of the resources that each agency will contribute to the task force, such as manpower, office space, covert vehicles, communications equipment, and computers
- An outline of what is expected from OOCIC, such as funds for confidential informants or the purchase of contraband, electronic surveillance equipment, technical support, vehicles, office space, or other equipment not available from local sources

Please submit requests to:

Executive Director Rocky W. Nelson
Ohio Organized Crime
Investigations Commission
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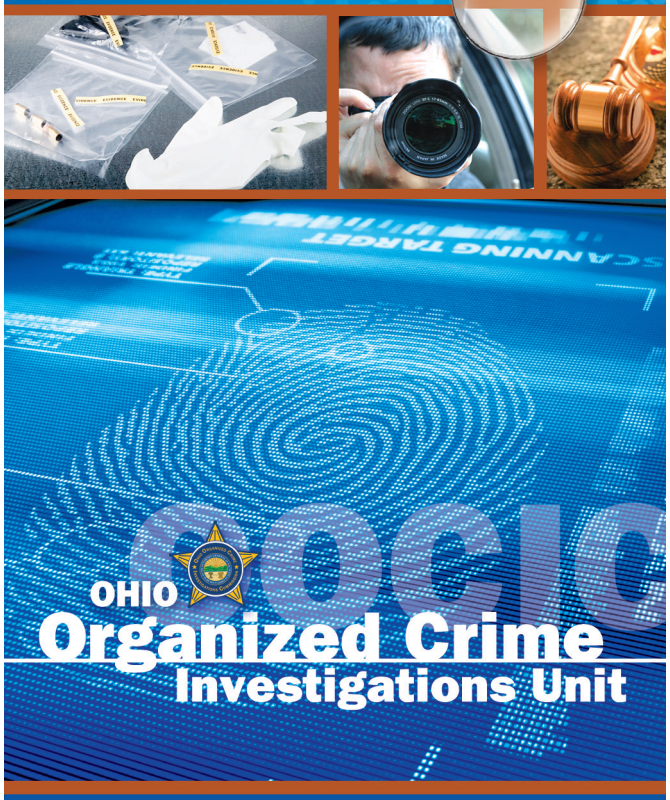

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ABOUT OOCIC

OOCIC was created by the Ohio General Assembly in 1986 and is governed by Ohio Revised Code Section 177.01. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine serves as chair of the commission, which has six other members: two chiefs, two sheriffs, and two prosecuting attorneys. These members are appointed by the governor — with the advice and consent of the Senate — for three-year terms. No more than four members may be from the same political party.

OUR WORK

The commission authorizes task forces to investigate organized criminal activity that crosses city, township, and county borders. Details of the investigation and the identities of authorities involved, as well as the identity of the person or group being investigated, are kept confidential until an arrest or indictment has been filed.

HOW WE HELP

Because every investigation is unique, OOCIC tailors its support to each case. OOCIC assists local law enforcement in three main areas: technical, administrative, and prosecutorial.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A wide variety of equipment is available through OOCIC to support the efforts of law enforcement agencies, including photographic equipment, audio- and video-recording devices, pen register/wire tap units, communications equipment, covert surveillance cameras, and night-vision equipment. OOCIC can install and service the equipment and train task force agents how to use it. The equipment and service may be made available to local agencies that are not involved with OOCIC task forces by contacting the executive director of OOCIC.

Specific technical support includes:

- Forensic audio and video analysis
- Tape authenticity
- Forensic animation (producing 3D reconstructions of a crime scene and 3D still prints)
- Reconstruction of damaged tapes
- Digital prints
- Analog and digital audio and video duplication
- Format changes

To the left: A screen showing in-house forensic analysis capabilities of the OOCIC.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

Administrative support includes funding for the payment of confidential informants, purchase of contraband, and related expenses. Expenses may include such costs as travel and training directly related to the investigation, the lease of office space, office equipment, and vehicles.

Although OOCIC does not reimburse agencies for the salaries of officers assigned to a task force, it does cover the officers as state employees for workers' compensation purposes. OOCIC's executive director and staff work closely with each task force director to ensure the mission is accomplished efficiently and cost-effectively.

PROSECUTORIAL ASSISTANCE

In cooperation with the county prosecutor's office and/or the U.S. Attorney's Office, OOCIC provides experienced prosecutorial support for task forces. OOCIC's assistant attorneys general will provide assistance from the formulation of the task force to the conclusion of the case. These attorneys have expertise in prosecuting money laundering, white-collar crime, and corrupt activities prosecutions, all of which can be essential to task force investigations. They also assist local agencies in drafting task force proposals.

OTHER ASSISTANCE

OOCIC also may be available to law enforcement agencies that are not part of a task force. If the assistance can be provided without hindering task force operations, OOCIC will loan equipment or provide technical or legal services to meet the needs of particular law enforcement agencies.