



**Asset Forfeiture Press Conference
September 8, 2014**

U.S. Attorney Richard Hartunian held a [press conference](#), Monday September 8, 2014 to announce the distribution of millions of dollars to a variety of law enforcement agencies recovered from a 2009 drug investigation. Among the distribution the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision will receive a total of \$471,239.39, some of which has already been received and will be used towards purchasing high-quality bullet-proof vests for Community Supervision staff. A Parole Officer, prior to the merger of the Department of Correctional Services and the NYS Division of Parole, handled the case while he was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force team. Because of DOCCS' direct involvement in the case the agency was awarded an equitable sharing from the seizures and subsequent forfeiture. Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci attended the press conference in Albany on behalf of the agency. Representatives from various law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies were also in attendance.