PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION NO. 2025079

RE: AMENDING THE 2025 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Legislators FAUST, HOUSTON, POLASEK, GORMAN, D'AQUANNI, CASWELL, and VALDÉS SMITH offer the following and moves its adoption:

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested the appropriation of forfeiture of crime proceeds post-conviction, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 13-A of the CPLR, said funds must be used to enhance prosecutorial and law enforcement efforts, enforcement training, equipment and operations, and not to supplement ordinary budgetary expenses, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested that the sum of $56,000 be placed in a District Attorney Asset Forfeiture account to be used for the purchase of equipment, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is authorized and directed to amend the 2025 Adopted County Budget as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS
Increase

A.1165.05.4670.108	Subscriptions – Software	$56,000

REVENUES
Decrease

A.1165.05.26260.00	Forfeiture – State Reserve	($56,000)

CA-054-25
LDF/rjw
G-0135
05/12/25
Fiscal Impact: See Attached

APPROVED
Susan Serino
SUSAN J. SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Date 6-11-2025

STATE OF NEW YORK
ss:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 9th day of June 2025, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 9th day of June 2025.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SEAL

Leigh Wager
LEIGH WAGER, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

(To be completed by requesting department)

Total Current Year Cost $ 56,000

Total Current Year Revenue $ 56,000
and Source

Source of County Funds *(check one)*: ☐ Existing Appropriations, ☐ Contingency,
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations, ☐ Additional Appropriations, ☑ Other *(explain)*.

Identify Line Items(s):

Related Expenses: Amount $ _____
Nature/Reason:

Anticipated Savings to County: _____

Net County Cost (this year): _____
Over Five Years: _____

Additional Comments/Explanation:

This resolution is to appropriate post-conviction asset forfeiture funds (A.9998.95110.01 - Asset Forfeiture State - Reserve) to enable the purchase of equipment, etc. ~~listed on the attached Post-Conviction Asset Forfeiture Expenditure sheet.~~

Prepared by: Heidi Owens Prepared On: 5/6/2025

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Office of the Dutchess County DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Anthony P. Parisi
District Attorney

Michael W. Brady
Chief Assistant

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 6, 2025

To: Rachel Kashimer, Deputy County Executive

From: Anthony P. Parisi, District Attorney

Copy: Michael W. Brady, Linda Fakhoury, Jessica Edwards, Tiffanie Massey, Gina Pantano, Cullen D. O'Shea, Colleen Pillus, Gregg Pulver, Rachel Whispell, Jessica White

Re: Resolution request asset forfeiture funds to 2025 appropriations

I respectfully request that a resolution be prepared authorizing the expenditure of post-conviction asset forfeiture funds by my department. These funds were seized and forfeited pursuant to federal statutes, in accordance with the United States Code and Article 13-A of the CPLR. In compliance with governing guidelines, these monies are restricted to use in support of law enforcement training, equipment, and operations, and may not be used to supplement routine budgetary expenses. The request outlined in this resolution fully adheres to these requirements.

My office has verified that post-conviction asset forfeiture proceeds are available for appropriation from A.9998.95110.01 - Asset Forfeiture State Reserve and/or A.9998.95110.00 - Asset Forfeiture Federal Reserve.

The District Attorney's Office seeks to purchase the Crime Watch System to enhance community safety, improve communication with the public, and streamline investigative efforts. This system provides an effective tool for crime prevention, victim support, and collaboration with local law enforcement agencies. The purchase of this system will support the mission of the District Attorney's Office by leveraging technology to increase public engagement, improve case management, and strengthen the office's overall effectiveness in combating crime.

Key Benefits and Justification for Purchase:

1. **Enhanced Community Engagement and Public Safety:**
    - **Real-Time Communication:** Crime Watch enables instant communication with local communities about ongoing investigations, crime trends, and public safety alerts. This improves community awareness and empowers citizens to play an active role in their safety.

- **Crime Reporting and Tip Submission:** The system provides a user-friendly platform for residents to report crimes, suspicious activity, or tips anonymously. This enhances law enforcement's ability to gather information and respond to emerging threats promptly.
- **Public Outreach and Education:** Crime Watch can serve as a vital tool for educating the public about crime prevention strategies and legal rights, promoting a safer environment for residents.

2. **Support for Victims and Witnesses:**
   - **Victim Notification:** The Crime Watch System will enable the District Attorney's Office to provide timely updates to crime victims and their families regarding case developments, hearings, and legal proceedings.
   - **Witness Protection and Support:** It can also be used to safeguard and support witnesses, offering a secure method for providing statements and tracking witness safety.
3. **Improved Investigative Efficiency and Case Management:**
   - **Centralized Database:** The system consolidates crime reports, evidence, and case files into a single, easily accessible platform. This allows prosecutors and investigators to efficiently track cases, analyze trends, and collaborate with other agencies.
   - **Data Analysis and Crime Mapping:** Crime Watch offers powerful analytical tools that can help identify crime hotspots, detect patterns, and optimize resource allocation for law enforcement. This data-driven approach leads to more effective crime prevention strategies.
   - **Coordinated Efforts with Law Enforcement:** Crime Watch helps foster better collaboration between the District Attorney's Office, local police departments, and other law enforcement agencies, ensuring that investigative efforts are aligned and information is shared seamlessly.
4. **Enhanced Transparency and Accountability:**
   - **Public Access to Information:** By providing the public with up-to-date information about criminal activity and investigations, Crime Watch promotes transparency within the criminal justice system. This fosters public trust and accountability in the work of the District Attorney's Office.
   - **Reporting and Metrics:** The system's ability to track crime trends and provide statistical data enhances reporting capabilities, allowing for evidence-based decision-making and policy development.
5. **Cost Efficiency and Long-Term Impact:**
   - **Reduction in Crime Rates:** With better communication, increased tips from the public, and improved crime data analysis, the Crime Watch System can lead to a reduction in crime rates, lowering the long-term costs associated with law enforcement, court systems, and incarceration.
   - **Resource Optimization:** By providing a centralized platform for information, Crime Watch will allow the District Attorney's Office to use existing resources more effectively, reducing redundancies and improving overall workflow.

6. **Public Relations and Community Trust:**
    - The purchase of Crime Watch will reinforce the District Attorney's Office's commitment to public safety and community engagement. By embracing modern technology, the office demonstrates its dedication to protecting residents, ensuring justice, and staying ahead of criminal activity.

Conclusion:
The Crime Watch System aligns with the District Attorney's Office's core goals of ensuring public safety, improving communication, enhancing transparency, and supporting law enforcement efforts. It offers a valuable and cost-effective tool for tackling crime, increasing community trust, and improving the overall efficiency of the justice process. The investment in Crime Watch is a necessary step to build a safer, more connected community while enhancing the Office's ability to respond swiftly and effectively to emerging challenges in crime prevention and prosecution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Anthony P. Parisi
Dutchess County District Attorney

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Public Safety Roll Call

District	*Name*	*Yes*	*No*
District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley	Truitt*	✓	
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Houston*		
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek*		
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith*		
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins*		
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler		
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	absent	
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Versaci	absent	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust (C)		
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago		
District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale	Garito		
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison (VC)		

Present: 10 Resolution: ✓ Total : 10 0

Absent: ~~2~~ Motion: ____ Yes No

Vacant: 0 Abstentions: 0

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Roll Call Sheets

District	Last Name	YES	NO
District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley	Truitt	✓	
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Houston		
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek		
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith		
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins		
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Gorman		
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Travelpiece		
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler		
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	D'Aquanni		
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul		
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli		
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson		
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	absent	
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger	absent	
District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger	Paoloni		
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Versaci		
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust		
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul		
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Page	absent	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago		
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn		
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell	absent	
District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale	Garito		
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison	absent	
District 24 - Dover and Pawling	House		

Present: 20 **Resolution:** ✓ **Total :** 20 0

Absent: 5 **Motion:** ____ **Yes** **No**

Vacant: 0 **Abstentions:** 0

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