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GREER POLICE RECEIVE \$1.33 MILLION FOR WORK IN FEDERAL CASE

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins presented a check in the amount of \$1,333,200.00 to Greer Police Chief Dan Reynolds this morning at a press conference at the Greer Police Department. The check represented the Greer Police Department's share of assets seized and forfeited in the federal criminal case against Billy Joe Hindman, who pled guilty in 2007 to operating an illegal gambling business and money laundering. Hindman was ordered to forfeit approximately \$9 million dollars in assets, and a court-appointed receiver has been managing the assets and making cash available to the federal government when assets are liquidated. To date approximately \$4 million dollars has been made available, and that money is equitably shared by

the law enforcement agencies that worked on the case. Both SLED and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation will also receive \$1.33 million from the forfeited funds to date. Special Agent in Charge Jeannine Hammett of the IRS, Criminal Investigation, attended the press conference and thanked Chief Reynolds for the work of the Greer Police Department on the case.

“Providing this money to Chief Reynolds and the Greer Police Department is extremely gratifying for me. I recognize that local agencies are an important part of the law enforcement presence in South Carolina, and this case serves as a great example. The federal agents who investigated this case could not have identified and dismantled this criminal enterprise so successfully without the valuable assistance of the Greer PD. It is only fitting that the Greer Police Department share in these forfeited assets, “ stated Mr. Wilkins.

As more assets are made available, additional funds will be presented to the Greer Police Department and the other agencies involved.