



JOE LESTER
Sheriff

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SUBJ: **PRESS RELEASE by Sheriff Joe Lester**

“Deputy’s Investigations net thousands”

(NORMAN, OK) Sheriff Joe Lester announced today that the hard work of one of his deputies working undercover with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics has resulted in the seizure and forfeiture of over \$36,000. “It’s ironic”, Lester said. “The same money drug dealer’s use for evil in our community will now be used for good in the war on drugs in Cleveland County”. Lester stated that Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Director Darrell Weaver met him at his office on May 3rd, 2010 and presented him with Asset Forfeiture checks from the cases. The forfeited money came from two separate cases that the Cleveland County Deputy worked with the help of an OBN team. “My agency has a great working relationship with OBN and by working together we have achieved great results”, Lester said. One of the cases involved members of the “Rollin 60’s” street gang where gang members were dealing Methamphetamine & Marijuana on the south side of Oklahoma City in Cleveland County. The other case dealt with Crack cocaine dealers working the Southside of Oklahoma City in Cleveland County. Those drugs sales occurred near several local schools and resulted in two vehicles being seized as well. Stolen firearms were also recovered in that case. Lester stated that his undercover deputy is continuing to work these types of cases in Cleveland County and will continue to pursue criminal charges and civil seizures and forfeitures to the maximum extent of the law. “This should serve as a warning to dopers throughout Cleveland County. We’re looking for you and it’s just a matter of time”, Lester said. The forfeited money will be used for equipment purchases and necessary law enforcement tools to support and combat drug investigations in Cleveland County.

Any questions regarding this press release &/or information can be addressed to Undersheriff Rhett Burnett, Cleveland County Sheriff’s Office, Public Information Officer.