



# NEWS RELEASE



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**For Immediate Release:**

**Today's Date:** September 27, 2006  
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**Release #:** 2006-183  
**Case #:** Follow up to 2005-01739

**Forfeiture Monies:**

Alachua County Sheriff Stephen Oelrich was presented with a check on today's date in the amount of \$84,422.89. The money was the result of a routine traffic stop by an Alachua County deputy on February 10, 2005. During the course of the stop, Deputy Josh Crews located \$160,780 in cash concealed inside a spare tire. The money was seized and forfeiture paperwork was filed initiating a yearlong investigation involving the Drug Enforcement Agency, US Customs, and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. Due to the joint nature of the investigation, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office's portion of the seizure came to \$84,422.89. The check was presented by agents from the Drug Enforcement Agency during a goodbye celebration for Sheriff Oelrich. The money will be placed into a drug forfeiture account to be used for the purchase of equipment, law enforcement training, and other approved expenditures.