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Forfeiture laws are the means by which profits and property derived from illegal drug transactions may be seized. Conveyances used as means of drug transportation are also subject to forfeiture action.

There are two separate applicable forfeiture laws: state and federal. The Narcotics Bureau is responsible for handling all narcotic related forfeiture actions and will make the decision concerning which state or federal agency will handle the forfeiture portion of each individual case.

The following describe the practical applications of the state and federal forfeiture laws for personnel involved in field situations.