

Civil Forfeiture Office File Referral Policy

Objective	This policy sets out how information received by the Civil Forfeiture Office (CFO) may be referred to other enforcement agencies.
Application and Scope	This policy applies to all CFO operations.
Principles	In situations where commencement of civil forfeiture proceedings is not appropriate, the CFO will consider referring the circumstances to other enforcement agencies, where the agency that initially provided the information consents to that referral.
Background	The CFO does not possess independent investigation authority. Therefore, information used to determine if civil forfeiture proceedings should be commenced will originate from police and regulatory enforcement agencies outside of the CFO.
General	Authorization for the CFO to collect, use and disclose personal information, for the purpose of the <i>Civil Forfeiture Act</i> (“the Act”) is specifically contained within the Act.
Legislative Authorities	<i>Civil Forfeiture Act</i> , SBC 2005, c. 29
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