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## Report Highlights

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## Why We Conducted This Audit

During a review of the 15th Judicial District Attorney's (District Attorney's) Special Asset Forfeiture Fund bank account, the District Attorney's office determined seized cash assets remitted to an employee of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office (APSO) were not deposited. The District Attorney requested that the Louisiana Legislative Auditor determine the amount of seized cash assets not deposited.

## What We Found

### Seized Cash Assets Not Deposited

Records indicate that an employee of the APSO received \$194,900 in seized cash assets from local law enforcement agencies from January 21, 2003 through February 3, 2016, that were not deposited into the District Attorney's Special Asset Forfeiture Fund, as required by state law. Former APSO Deputy Maxine Trahan was responsible for receiving cash assets seized by law enforcement agencies within Acadia Parish and depositing the funds into the District Attorney's Special Asset Forfeiture bank account. Ms. Trahan acknowledged that she failed to deposit seized cash assets and that she used the funds for personal purposes. By failing to deposit all seized cash assets, Ms. Trahan may have violated state law.



**The 15th Judicial District includes Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion parishes.**