

Sheriff's Office General Investigator Proposal

I. Background

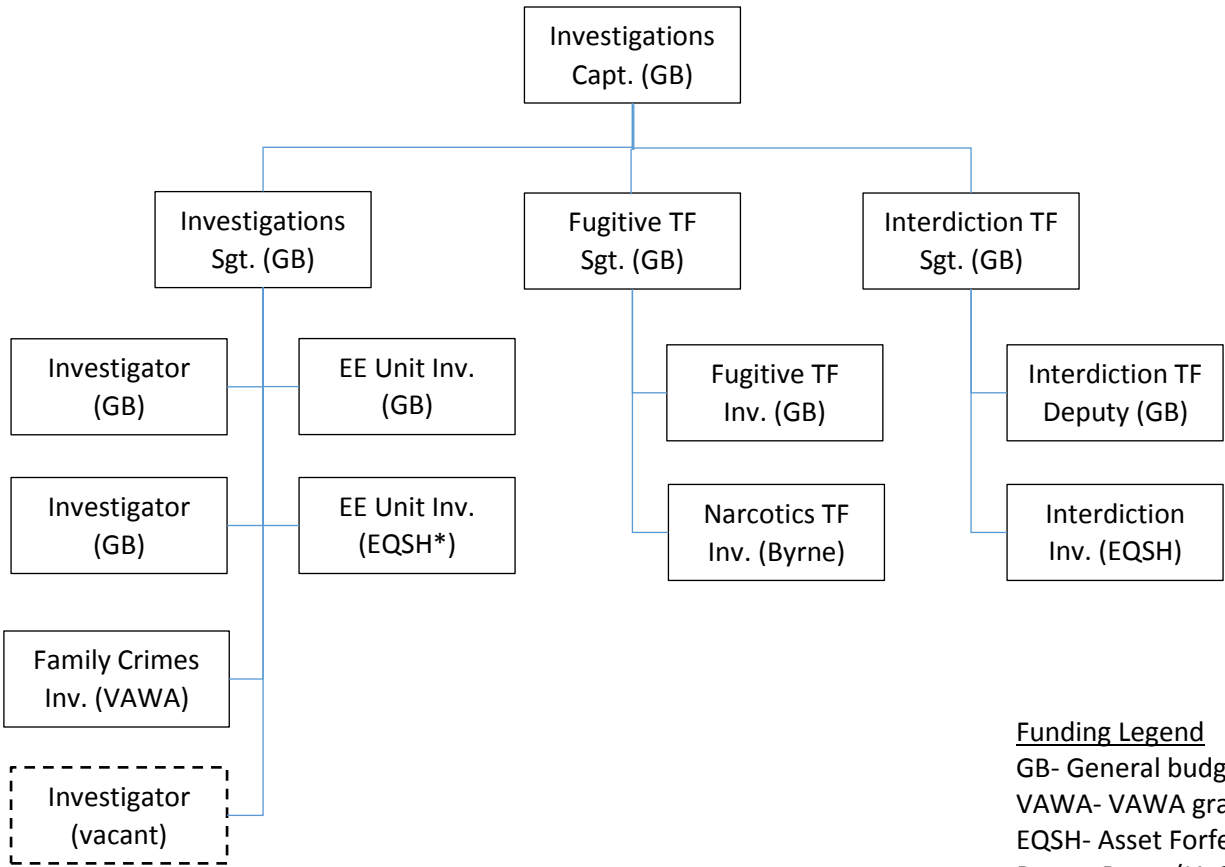
- a. 2010- LSO reallocated a general investigator position to address staffing shortages in other areas. That position has remained vacant ever since.
- b. 2015- LSO identified a need to expand its electronic forensic capabilities to keep pace with exponential increase in use of electronic devices by criminals. With Board approval, LSO used equitably shared funds to expand its Electronic Evidence Unit (EEU) by adding one FTE. The Board agreed to assume funding of this position after three years (effective FY 18-19).
- c. A rise in complex major case investigations (particularly death investigations, internal investigations, etc.) has necessitated filling the vacant general investigator position reallocated in 2010.

II. Proposal

- a. Indefinitely extend the use of forfeited assets to fund the deputy hired to expand the EEU in 2015.
- b. Redirect the FTE funding originally approved by the Board to expand the EEU and use those funds to fill the general investigator vacancy. This requires Board's approval to increase our spending authority to cover cost of one FTE.
- c. If approved, this would have little to no net impact on taxpayers since the increase in our spending authority would be offset by an equivalent increase in revenue from the LSO equitable sharing (EQSH) fund.

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LSO Investigations Division Structure



Funding Legend
 GB- General budget
 VAWA- VAWA grant
 EQSH- Asset Forfeiture
 Byrne- Byrne/JA Grant

** Per March 2015 agreement between County Board and LSO, funding for this EEU position was to switch from EQSH to general budget.*