

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.31
(ID # 29792)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

FROM : SHERIFF-CORONER-PA

SUBJECT: SHERIFF-CORONER-PA: Approve the Transfer of Unclaimed Funds to the County General Fund per California Government Code Section 50050-50057; All Districts [\$36,970 – 100% Sheriff's Unclaimed Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the transfer of unclaimed funds in the amount of \$174,006.20 from the Sheriff's Office Unclaimed Fund 65916 to the County General Fund 10000, including \$139,715.56 which was held for more than (3) three years and was properly advertised but remains unclaimed and \$34,290.64 in unclaimed amounts that were not subject to newspaper publication (amounts under \$15 or those with an unknown source of deposit), as authorized by Government Code Sections 50055-50057; and
2. Authorize the transfer of \$36,969.72 from Sheriff's Unclaimed Fund 65916 to the Sheriff's Office budget for the reimbursement of costs incurred during the advertisement and administration of these funds.


ACTION:Policy


Donald Sharp, Undersheriff 3/6/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 24, 2026
xc: Sheriff

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 36,970	\$ 0	\$ 36,970	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Fund 65916 Sheriff's Unclaimed Funds – 100%			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	25/26

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BR: 26-083

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 6/10/25 3.61

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside County Sheriff's Office is requesting Board approval to transfer unclaimed funds. In accordance with Government Code Sections 50050-50057, these funds have been unclaimed for over three years. Under these provisions, unclaimed funds that remain unclaimed beyond the statutory period become the property of the County and may be transferred. The funds originate from various sources, including currency received at booking, seized money no longer required as evidence, and overpayments related to court services, jail commissary accounts, and patrol evidence releases. Despite diligent efforts to return the funds to their rightful owners, they remain unclaimed beyond the mandatory holding period and now qualify for transfer. This request also includes authorization to transfer unclaimed amounts that were not subject to newspaper publication, including amounts under fifteen dollars (\$15) and deposits with unknown sources, as permitted by Government Code Sections 50055–50056.

To satisfy the required public notification process under Government Code Section 50050, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office has advertised in newspapers for two successive weeks in the Desert Sun, Palo Verde Valley Times, and the Press Enterprise, referring any parties of interest to file a claim for the proceeds. In the process, the Sheriff's Office has incurred costs of \$36,969.72 for the newspaper publications, which will be reimbursed before the remaining funds are transferred to the General Fund.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The transfer of these funds to the County General Fund ensures compliance with Government Code Section 50050, allowing the County to utilize these resources in accordance with budget priorities. These unclaimed funds are added back into the County's budget to support governmental functions and operations as determined by the Board of Supervisors, rather than remaining idle.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

There is no fiscal impact to the County. The Sheriff's Office is transferring a total of \$174,006.20 in unclaimed funds that have met the required holding periods and remain unclaimed. This

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transfer adheres to statutory requirements for the lawful reallocation of unclaimed funds that have met the necessary retention period. The Sheriff's Office will be reimbursed \$36,969.72 for publication costs. The remaining \$137,036.48 will be transferred to the General Fund. The total transfer amount is summarized in the table below:

Fiscal Year	Amount Subject to 3-Year Hold/Publication	Amount Not Subject to Publication	Publication Cost	Total
2021-2022	\$139,715.56	\$0	(\$36,969.72)	\$102,745.84
2023-2024	\$0	\$34,290.64	\$0	\$34,290.64
Total	\$139,715.56	\$34,290.64	(\$36,969.72)	\$137,036.48

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A. LISTS OF UNCLAIMED MONEY

ATTACHMENT B. PUBLICATION INVOICES

Rebecca S. Cortez
 Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 3/16/2026

Aaron Gettis
 Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 2/24/2026