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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of the Inspector General, Audit Division, has completed an audit of the use of DOJ equitable sharing revenues by the Minneapolis Police Department (Minneapolis PD). Equitable sharing revenues represent a share of the proceeds from the forfeiture of assets seized in the course of certain criminal investigations.¹ During the period of January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, the Minneapolis PD was awarded DOJ equitable sharing revenues totaling \$366,489 to support law enforcement operations.

The Minneapolis PD generally complied with equitable sharing guidelines with respect to accounting for equitable sharing receipts, the use of equitable sharing funds, supplanting, and reporting

The results of our work are discussed in greater detail in the Findings and Recommendations section of the report. The audit objectives, scope, and methodology appear in Appendix I. We discussed the results of our audit with Minneapolis PD officials, and we included their comments in the report, as applicable.

¹ The DOJ asset forfeiture program has three primary goals: (1) to punish and deter criminal activity by depriving criminals of property used or acquired through illegal activities; (2) to enhance cooperation among foreign, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies through equitable sharing of assets recovered through this program; and, as a by-product, (3) to produce revenues to enhance forfeitures and strengthen law enforcement.