

indicted for both drug and money laundering offenses, and agreed to plead guilty to the more serious offense (in most cases this would be the drug charge), then the "defendants convicted" figure would not reflect the money laundering count. It should be noted that, under the federal Sentencing Guidelines, dropping the less serious offense -- in this case the money laundering count -- does not affect the sentence. Further, the "defendants convicted" figure for a given fiscal year will not necessarily correlate with the "defendants charged" figure for that fiscal year because the "defendants convicted" figure will almost always include defendants charged in previous fiscal years. FY99 covers the period October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999.

4. What was the value (in US Dollars) of the property frozen or seized, and the value confiscated, in cases involving money laundering or crimes underlying money laundering?

Domestic cases

- a. Frozen/seized:
- b. Confiscated: \$611 million was deposited into the U.S. Justice Department forfeiture fund

The following amounts were deposited into the U.S. Treasury Department forfeiture fund:

FY 1998: \$225.132 million
FY 1999: \$312.087 million

The above figures represent the total amounts deposited into the two federal forfeiture funds for the time periods indicated; statistics are not maintained on amounts deposited relative to specific types of cases, such as money laundering.

Pursuant to mutual legal assistance requests

- a. Frozen/seized
- b. Confiscated

The United States does not maintain statistics regarding assets seized/frozen as a result of mutual legal assistance requests.