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**FORFEITED PROFITS OF CRIME
REINVESTED FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES**

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**New Resources go to Police Services
In Altona, Morden, Winkler**

ALTONA—Police in Morden, Winkler and Altona will benefit from the sale of property forfeited under the Criminal Property Forfeiture Act, Justice Minister Andrew Swan announced here today.

“This legislation gives us the authority to take the proceeds of crime from criminals and put it to good use by police services and other agencies,” said Swan. “This hits criminals where it hurts, benefits those who put them behind bars and assists victims of their crimes.”

This announcement adds to grants recently announced for police services in Winnipeg, Brandon and Rivers. Almost \$42,000 will be used to equip police services with more tools to help them protect communities in the Pembina Valley, the minister said. Today’s grants provide support for:

- an in-car camera system for the Altona Police Service to assist with the preservation of evidence and identification of suspects,
- an inkless fingerprinting system for the Morden Police Service to allow faster submission of prints to the national database, and
- a thermal imaging camera to help the Winkler Police Service track suspects or locate missing people.

These initiatives will be funded from a portion of the \$3.1 million in assets that has been successfully forfeited to Manitoba through the use of the Criminal Property Forfeiture Act. More forfeiture proceedings are in process, with 103 files being pursued involving numerous vehicles, houses, rural properties and cash.

The province invited police services to apply for funding to support initiatives that enhance the practices and training of law enforcement agencies, or reduce or prevent crime. This year, more than \$780,000 in grants have been allocated. Recent amendments to the Criminal Property Forfeiture Act allow money from the criminal property forfeiture fund to be used to support programs and services that benefit victims of crime.