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§ 41505. Organized retail theft database

(a) National data

(1) The Attorney General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in consultation with the retail community, shall establish a task force to combat organized retail theft and provide expertise to the retail community for the establishment of a national database or clearinghouse housed and maintained in the private sector to track and identify where organized retail theft type crimes are being committed in the United States.¹ The national database shall allow Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials as well as authorized retail companies (and authorized associated retail databases) to transmit information into the database electronically and to review information that has been submitted electronically.

(2) The Attorney General shall make available funds to provide for the ongoing administrative and technological costs to federal law enforcement agencies participating in the database project.

(3) The Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Office of Justice Programs may make grants to help provide for the administrative and technological costs to State and local law enforcement agencies participating in the database² project.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2009, \$5,000,000 for educating and training federal law enforcement regarding organized retail theft, for investigating, apprehending and prosecuting individuals engaged in organized retail theft, and for working with the private sector to establish and utilize the database described in subsection (a).

(c) Definition of organized retail theft

For purposes of this section, “organized retail theft” means—

(1) the violation of a State prohibition on retail merchandise theft or shoplifting, if the violation consists of the theft of quantities of items that would not normally be purchased for personal use or consumption and for the purpose of reselling the items or for reentering the items into commerce;

(2) the receipt, possession, concealment, bartering, sale, transport, or disposal of any property that is know³ or should be known to have been taken in violation of paragraph (1); or

(3) the coordination, organization, or recruitment of persons to undertake the conduct described in paragraph (1) or (2).

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² So in original. Probably should be “database”.

³ So in original. Probably should be “known”.

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 109-271 substituted “The Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Office of Justice Programs may” for “The Attorney General through the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the Office of Justice may”.

§ 41506. United States-Mexico Border Violence Task Force

(a) Task Force

(1) The Attorney General shall establish the United States-Mexico Border Violence Task Force in Laredo, Texas, to combat drug and firearms trafficking, violence, and kidnapping along the border between the United States and Mexico and to provide expertise to the law enforcement and homeland security agencies along the border between the United States and Mexico. The Task Force shall include personnel from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Customs and Border Protection, other Federal agencies (as appropriate), the Texas Department of Public Safety, and local law enforcement agencies.

(2) The Attorney General shall make available funds to provide for the ongoing administrative and technological costs to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies participating in the Task Force.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2006 through 2009, for—

(1) the establishment and operation of the United States-Mexico Border Violence Task Force; and

(2) the investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of individuals engaged in drug and firearms trafficking, violence, and kidnapping along the border between the United States and Mexico.

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§ 41507. National Gang Intelligence Center

(a) Establishment

The Attorney General shall establish a National Gang Intelligence Center and gang information database to be housed at and administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to collect, analyze, and disseminate gang activity information from—

- (1) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- (2) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;
- (3) the Drug Enforcement Administration;
- (4) the Bureau of Prisons;
- (5) the United States Marshals Service;
- (6) the Directorate of Border and Transportation Security of the Department of Homeland Security;