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Federal Jury Practice And Instructions

Federal Criminal Jury Instructions of the Seventh Circuit

Committee on Federal Criminal Jury Instructions of the Seventh Circuit

Statutory Instructions

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In order to establish a “nexus” between the property alleged to be forfeitable and the offense giving rise to the forfeiture allegation, the government must establish a connection between the property and the offense. The connection must be more than incidental, but the connection need not be substantial.

Committee Comment

[Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2\(b\)\(5\)\(B\)](#) requires that, upon request, “the jury must determine whether the government has established the requisite nexus between the property and the offense committed by the defendant.” For the most part, the nexus requirement of the Rule will be met under the statutory requirement of what property is subject to forfeiture. The Committee recognizes that there may be overlap between the statutory requirement and the nexus requirement of the Rule, but the Committee has concluded that we need this separate instruction to meet both the statutory and Rule requirements.

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