

## Sheriff's Office COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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SUBJECT:

Approve a Capital Asset purchase.

#### REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve a capital asset purchase for one forensic computer to be used in the Sheriff's Cyber Forensic Investigation Unit in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
- 2. Authorize the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

#### **SUMMARY:**

The Sheriff's Office Cyber Forensic Investigations Unit offers extensive expertise in the forensic examination of cellphones, laptops, tablets, desktops, or almost any other form of electronic device capable of transmitting or storing data. Data that may contain evidence of a criminal nature that can be extrapolated and used in a criminal investigation and potential prosecution. The Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase a forensic computer which supports daily operations. The purchase of the forensic computer will be paid for through the Sheriff's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). SART is funded from allocated funds to the Sheriff's Office through the California Office of Emergency Services

Computer forensics integrates the fields of computer science and law to investigate crime to provide data evidence to the Court for prosecution. For digital evidence, whether it be on a computer or cell phone to be legally admissible in court, law enforcement must follow proper legal procedures when recovering and analyzing data from computer systems. Law enforcement uses specialized computer

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equipment that has been tested and stood the challenges faced in a courtroom. Computer forensics has been indispensable in the conviction of many criminals, including terrorists, sexual predators, and murderers. Terrorist organizations may use the Internet to recruit members, and sexual predators may use social networking sites to stalk potential victims for use in human trafficking or other nefarious uses.

This high-speed forensic computer workstation will be used to gather, process, and search digital evidence for investigation and prosecution of various crimes. The optical disc reviver allows an investigator to recover damaged, partially erased, unfinalized DVD and CD medias. It has a built in SATA write blocking trayless bay, allowing investigators to insert a suspect drive in the workstations for forensic imaging without contamination. By making the write-blocking bay trayless, it allows for cable free access and processing of evidence efficiently.

This computer workstation will allow the Sheriff's Office to provide an exact copy of extracted data to provide to the District Attorney's Office and Public Defenders Office as part of the Discovery process during a criminal case. The Sheriff's Office did collaborate with the Information Technology Unit to reach this recommendation of purchasing a new computer.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The vendor quote for the forensic computer is \$9,834, which includes basic warranty, taxes and delivery. The total cost of the forensic computer will not exceed \$10,000, which allows \$166 for any unforeseen costs. Funds will come from the FY 18/19 SART operating budget, which is an allocation from the California Office of Emergency Services.

There will be no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

#### **LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Organizational Performance Initiative to provide state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure to support better service delivery. The purchase of this forensic computer is consistent with this initiative and will be used to investigate crimes in Tulare County.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

A.S. Chew Lehner

Mike Boudreaux

Sheriff-Coroner

cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachment A – AUD 308

Attachment B – Silicon Forensics Computer Quote No. 20840

### BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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ATTEST:	JASON T. BRITT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY:	Deputy Clerk
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