Attachment A





July 24, 2017

Kelly D. Scott Chief Deputy District Attorney 1112 Santa Barbara Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Chief Deputy District Attorney Scott,

At a recent CLEC meeting the committee spoke about DNA Identification funds available for the collection of DNA specimens, samples and print impressions (Government Code 76104.6(b)(3)(A)). The Lompoc Police (LPD) is in need of updated equipment to process, dry, and store evidence related to DNA.

Currently the LPD has an undersized drying cabinet that is not lockable or properly secured within the Property Room. When detectives dry bloody clothes they must secure the area in which the cabinet is located to preserve the integrity of the evidence. Most times the cabinet is too small and the drying must be done in stages.

The SART kits and other DNA evidence are presently kept in residential refrigerators and freezers. These refrigerators and freezers were never intended for commercial use, much less evidence storage. On more than one occasion a freezer has broken down and we were fortunate enough to notice and able to transfer evidence to another freezer to preserve the DNA evidence.

Needs:

I would like to request funds for the following equipment to rectify the current deficiencies:

- Evidence drying cabinet, double doored, lockable- approximate cost-\$13,000.00
- 72 cubic foot commercial freezer with power outage alarm-cost- \$3,200.00
- 72 cubic foot commercial refrigerator with power outage alarm-cost- \$3,000.00

Total: \$19,200.00 Taxes: \$1,488.00

Grand total: \$ 20,688.00

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

PAT WALSH Chief of Police

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