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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Roll Call

Submitted by: William McCarthy, Chief of Police

SUBJECT—

Vehicle Acquisition

SYNOPSIS—

Request for approval of a customized crime scene vehicle (V04-115 Forensic Homicide Command Post)

FISCAL IMPACT—

The purchase price of this vehicle is \$109,730. This vehicle is to be funded from the 2003 Law Enforcement Block Grant.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On November 6, 2003, the Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Board and the general public was invited to the Des Moines Police Academy to review with the Police Department personnel how most effectively the Block Grant money should be invested to assist the Police Department in providing quality operational service. It was the consensus of the group in

attendance that the Police Department should renovate the Police Academy Firing Range to a frangible system and purchase a crime scene vehicle adequate to maintain required homicide scene integrity.

On March 1, 2004, the City Purchasing Department in conjunction with the Police Department issued a Request for Proposal for the purchase of a customized crime scene vehicle. The RFP was issued to ten qualified vendors. Three proposals were returned to the Purchasing Department, which have been reviewed by a Police Department evaluation team. The evaluation team proceeded to apply the point system outlined in the RFP to select a successful vendor. After calculating the point awards, it was discovered the highest point total for compliance, experience and cost was awarded to Dodgen Industries Incorporated, 1505 North 13th Street, Humbolt, Iowa 50548. The points were allocated as follows:

- ◄ Dodgen Industries- 991 points
- ◄ American Custom Coach- 954 points
- ◄ Lat Boit Incorporated- 500 points