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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 48I <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>16-1073</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>16-324</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval to purchase three (3) pieces of specialized forensic equipment: a forensic magnifier with multi-spectral camera, forensic alternative light source kit, and optical comparator from two (2) vendors using Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Police Department requested the Procurement Division to solicit bids for the purchase of various equipment used for forensic evidence examination. The Procurement Division solicited bids (V16-083) to 15 potential bidders and received two (2) bids in response.

- The low compliant bidder for the forensic magnifier with multi-spectral camera and the forensic alternative light source kit was Foster & Freeman, 46030 Manikin Plaza, Sterling, VA 20166 (David Tobin, President) for a cost of \$44,015.38.
- The lowest compliant bidder for the forensic optical comparator was Sirchie Acquisition Company, 100 Hunter Place, Youngsville, NC 27596 (John Roby, President) for a cost of \$2,266.00.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$46,281.38

Funding Source: 2014 JAG Grant (JAG00014) Recommended Operating Budget page 207, Justice Assistance Grants.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The forensic magnifier with multi-spectral camera will enable technicians to locate and identify blood, other bodily fluids, gunshot residue and chemicals on various materials. This offers visible proof to support the technician’s analysis for the case file and court.
- The forensic alternate light source kit contains specific lights from the spectrum that can aluminate blood, body fluids, gunshot residue, drugs, and chemical traces. These lights are portable and travel with the technician to the crime scenes for the identification, location and collection of evidence in the field.
- The forensic optical comparator allows technicians to compare items such as finger prints side-by-side to evaluate if the items are identical.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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