



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT: SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
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TITLE: ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR GRAYKEY SOFTWARE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve payment to Magnet Forensics for a GrayKey software annual license with software in an amount not to exceed \$33,105 for the period of January 27, 2024, through January 26, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve a Resolution authorizing payment of \$33,105 to Magnet Forensics for the annual license fee for GrayKey software to cover the period January 27, 2024, through January 26, 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Salinas Police Department's Computer Forensics Unit (CFU) utilizes a variety of investigative techniques and tools to identify and store evidence from digital devices. The CFU has effectively used GrayKey software since 2018 and staff is requesting approval to make the annual license fee payment of \$33,105 to cover the period January 27, 2024, through January 26, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Salinas Police Department's Computer Forensics Unit (CFU) utilizes investigative techniques to acquire, authenticate, analyze, and report digital evidence in a controlled setting. The CFU consists of six Sworn Officer working CFU as a collateral assignment, with most officers having years of experience. The Salinas Police Department is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and the work of the CFU is key in the successful investigation of child exploitation, homicides, and sexual assault cases.

The CFU utilizes a variety of investigative techniques and tools, one of which is GrayKey software. The Department has utilized this GrayKey software since 2018, with the initial

acquisition funded via the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The Department has budgeted for the maintenance of this software since implementation and funds for the GrayKey software were approved by City Council as part of the Police Department's FY 2023-24 Budget. Staff is now requesting approval to make the \$33,105 payment for the annual license fee to cover the period January 27, 2024, through January 26, 2025. Magnet Forensics is in Atlanta, Georgia and there are no local vendors for this service.

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Police Department did not discuss this renewal with the Police Community Advisory Committee. However, we did discuss the previous renewal of this software with PCAC on January 25, 2023. We will share this renewal with PCAC at a future meeting and members will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments related to this purchase.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the proposed resolution will support the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Police Department has coordinated with the Information Technology Department on the selection and implementation of this software and will coordinate with the Finance Department during the purchasing process.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funds are appropriated and available within the Police Department's FY 2023-24 Budget in account 1000.40.4130-63.4980.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution