

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Stanley Sniff, Sheriff-Coroner-PA


**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
September 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:** FY 2008 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Cooperative Award from the U.S. Department of Justice

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept a Solving Cold Cases with DNA Cooperative Agreement Award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice in the amount of \$499,830, and authorize the Chairman to sign the award and initial the bottom right corner of each page.
2. Approve and direct the Auditor Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A.

**BACKGROUND:** (Continue on Page 2)  
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*to*  Stanley L. Sniff, Jr., Sheriff-Coroner-PA  
Jim Domeneo, Chief Deputy

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED  
 ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER  
 BY: *Samuel Wong* 9/26/08  
 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 SYNTHIA M. GUNZEL  
 DATE: 9-25-08  
 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
 BY: *Synthia M. Gunzel*

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 499,830	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2008-09

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100 % Federal funds (CFDA 16.560)	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE  
  
BY: Steve P. Schubert

**County Executive Office Signature**

Dept's Recomm.:  Policy  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:  Policy  
 Consent  
 Consent

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** | **District:** ALL | **Agenda Number:**

ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Solving Cold Cases with DNA Cooperative Agreement Award Acknowledgment

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The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has over 2,441 unsolved homicide cases dating back to 1937. In July 2007 the Sheriff's Department formed a Cold Case Investigation Team and staffed it with four homicide investigators.

The National Institute of Justice award will enable the Sheriff's Department to more effectively review cold cases, process DNA evidence for analysis with a timely turnaround period, and complete investigations for submission to the District Attorney for prosecution.

The Department is requesting funding for Sheriff's Department Investigator overtime, investigative travel expenses, overtime for the Department of Justice DNA lab personnel and private DNA lab testing. Overtime and travel expense is necessary to complete the review and investigation of this *large number of* cases.

Private lab testing is necessary as the California Department of Justice is inundated with requests for DNA testing. The turnaround time for cold cases can be over a year before DNA results are available. Certified private labs in our area ensure a maximum thirty day turnaround. This is important for a timely resolution of these investigations.

The Department of Justice overtime is necessary as they will be responsible for overseeing the private DNA lab to ensure it is meeting and complying with standards and the accreditation requirements of federal law. The DOJ will also be reviewing all testing of DNA profiles submitted that will be uploaded into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

The Sheriff's Department is acutely aware of the importance of solving cold cases with DNA, through first-hand experience. Since its inception in 2000, California's DNA Cold Hit Program has resulted in *more than 108 cold hits* in Riverside County, including 38 in 2007. These successes bring tremendous relief to victims' families and enable law enforcement to keep violent offenders off the streets for many years, often for life. Much more can be done to solve the overwhelming number of cold case homicides, so that these murderers can be caught and punished.

The grant period is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. No local fund match is required.

The grant documents have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

**Schedule A**

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Increase Appropriations:**

10000-2500300000-510420	Overtime	\$89,180
10000-2500300000-524660	Consultants	\$32,210
10000-2500300000-525100	Medical - Lab Services	\$325,040
10000-2500300000-528900	Air Transportation	\$40,000
10000-2500300000-528960	Lodging	\$6,000
10000-2500300000-528980	Meals	\$5,000
10000-2500300000-529080	Rental Vehicles	\$2,400
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		\$499,830

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10000-2500300000-767220	Fed-Other Operating Grants	\$499,830
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