



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 14, 2020

DATE: April 14, 2020

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DNA Analysis of Sexual Assault Kits

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a one-year service agreement with Signature Science, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$93,015.00 for DNA analysis of sexual assault kits for the Corpus Christi Police Department, with FY 2020 funding in the amount of \$38,756.25 available in the General Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes a one-year service agreement for the DNA analysis of sexual assault kits for the Police Department. The examination of these sexual assault kits may result in solving pending sexual assault cases.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On September 1, 2011 Senate Bill 1636 mandated all Sexual Assault Nurse Examination (SANE) kits that met the statutory requirement be analyzed for DNA evidence by Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) crime labs. As of September 1, 2019, DPS is mandated to test SANE kits within 90 days of receiving the evidence and therefore are not accepting older cases. Currently, the Police Department has 117 SANE kits from offenses occurring between 2005 and 2011. This agreement will allow the Police Department to submit these 117 SANE kits for DNA analysis to a private laboratory. The examination of these sexual assault kits may result in solving the pending sexual assault cases. The results will be kept in the database and be used to solve any other sexual assault cases. The Police Department has submitted all SANE kits to DPS on cases

occurring after September 1, 2011.

The Contracts and Procurement Department conducted a competitive Request for Bid process and received two responsive, responsible bids and is recommending award to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Signature Science, LLC.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the SANE kits are not submitted for testing, evidence that could lead to solving the crime will not be available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for the Police Department in FY 2020 is an estimated \$38,756.25 for this one-year service agreement. The remaining estimated \$54,258.75 will be budgeted in future years through the annual budget process.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	11700	Police Administration
Mission Element:	152	Investigate Crime
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	530000	Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing a one-year service agreement with Signature Science, LLC. For DNA analysis of sexual assault kits for the Police Department as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Bid Tab
Service Agreement