

Council Meeting of
September 25, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Police - Appropriate and allocate the FY 2012 Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant from the National Institute of Justice. Expenditure: \$93,175.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate the FY 2012 Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant in the amount of \$93,175;
- 2) Establish a trust fund for the deposit of grant monies; and
- 3) Allocate the grant award to cold case investigations.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in the FY 2012 Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

In August 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, informed the Torrance Police Department that it has been awarded the sum of \$93,175 under the FY 2012 Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant. The goal of this grant is to fund the investigation of violent crime cold cases that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis.

The Police Department requested and was awarded the sum of \$93,175 to cover the costs of reviewing 20 cold cases, screening evidence from those cases for DNA, and conducting follow-up investigations to procure new DNA evidence for the reviewed cases. Specifically, the grant will fund overtime pay for two cold case Detectives to obtain new DNA evidence through follow-up investigation, overtime pay for one DNA-

trained Senior Criminalist to review and process DNA evidence, and the outsourcing of specialized, mitochondrial DNA analysis as needed.

The Torrance Police Department, working closely with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, has a proven track record for prosecuting cold cases and winning criminal convictions. This award from the National Institute of Justice will enhance the Police Department's ability to investigate and solve cold cases through the use of DNA analysis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police



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