

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Forensic Software for the Sheriff's Office
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment to Magnet Forensics (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$100,875.00 for the purchase of GrayKey forensic software. It is also requested that Council approve payment for the annual license/maintenance/support fees for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

The Graykey software provides a forensic tool that extracts encrypted or inaccessible data from mobile devices. The Sheriff's Office has found this software will enable a mobile device to be unlocked on-site, rather than sending the device to a vendor for forensic extraction. Use of this software will save time and expedite investigations.

Magnet Forensics is the developer of the software and is therefore considered the only known source to provide the software, including the license/maintenance/support, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114. The Police Department also uses this software.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Sheriff – Public Safety/LOST – Other Equipment; 0102 – 550 – 9900 – LOST – 7762. Funding for the annual license/maintenance/support for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MAGNET FORENSICS (ATLANTA, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,875.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRAYKEY FORENSIC SOFTWARE. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE PAYMENT FOR THE ANNUAL LICENSE/MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT FEES FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS, INCLUDING COST INCREASES FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM, WHICH WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Graykey software provides a forensic tool that extracts encrypted or inaccessible data from mobile devices. The Sheriff’s Office has found this software will enable a mobile device to be unlocked on-site, rather than sending the device to a vendor for forensic extraction. Use of this software will save time and expedite investigations.

WHEREAS, Magnet Forensics is the developer of the software and is therefore considered the only known source to provide the software, including the license/maintenance/support, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114. The Police Department also uses this software.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to render payment to Magnet Forensics (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$100,875.00 for the purchase of GrayKey forensic software. It is also requested that Council approve payment for the annual license/maintenance/support fees for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Sheriff – Public Safety/LOST – Other Equipment; 0102 – 550 – 9900 – LOST – 7762. Funding for the annual license/maintenance/support for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____
Council District 1 Seat voting _____
Councilor Begly voting _____
Councilor Cogle voting _____
Councilor Crabb voting _____
Councilor Davis voting _____
Councilor Garrett voting _____

Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Thomas voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor