



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/12/2021

REQUESTER: Lisa Tullius

PRESENTER: Kevin Foster, Chief of Police

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION OF A GRAYKEY DIGITAL FORENSIC TOOL AND ONE-YEAR SERVICE LICENSE VALUED AT \$25,270.50 FROM OPERATION UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR EXTRACTING INFORMATION FROM IPHONE OS (IOS) DEVICES.

BACKGROUND:

Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that exists to protect children from sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. O.U.R. partners with law enforcement agencies by providing tools, training, and technology to enhance their abilities to conduct investigative and operational activities related to exploitation.

Chapter 8, of the Code of Ordinances, Section 8-111 - Donations provides: "Any donation valued above \$250.00 to be received by the City of Norman, whether in the form of monies or any other thing of value, shall be required to be accepted by the Council of the City of Norman prior to any use or disbursement of such monies or thing of value by or to any City operation or cause."

DISCUSSION:

If accepted by City Council, the Police Department will receive a GrayKey digital forensic access tool capable of extracting encrypted or inaccessible data from mobile devices – including iOS devices – and a one-year GrayKey (Advanced) license (total value of \$25,270.50). GrayKey offers a comprehensive set of extraction tools to identify evidence, record digital data, and track location all of which is critical for solving cases.

Acceptance of the donation requires an agreement between the Norman Police Department (in the form of a Mutual Agreement Document) to provide O.U.R. with numbers of any individuals arrested, or victims identified with the assistance of the donation. Names and case numbers are NOT required or solicited, just the raw numbers provided in bi-monthly reports. Additionally, if forensic analysis of any devices located using the donation leads to the identification of victim(s), those numbers are requested as well. Withdrawal from the document will not exempt the department from reporting requirements, but non-compliance will NOT obligate the department to refund or reimburse O.U.R. for the donation.

Further, where the donation supports an operation resulting in arrests or other success stories, O.U.R. support will be acknowledged in web, social and other media releases. O.U.R. will not publish or share departmental identifiers or logos without prior written consent.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the City of Norman accept the donation of from Operation Underground Railroad of a GrayKey digital forensic tool and one-year service license (Advanced) valued at \$25,270.50.