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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 5, 2015

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

FROM: James R. Williams, Deputy County Executive *JRW*
Jenti Vandertuig, Director of Procurement

SUBJECT: Update on Acquisition of a Mobile Phone Triangulation System

On February 24, 2015, the Board approved the purchase of a mobile phone triangulation system (the "System") from the Harris Corporation ("Harris") for the Office of the Sheriff using funds allocated from the State Homeland Security Grant Program. The Procurement Department, as the County's purchasing agent for goods and related services, negotiated in good faith with Harris for the acquisition of the System. Procurement was provided assistance and support from County Counsel in this effort.

After lengthy negotiations regarding contract terms, including business and legal issues, the County and Harris have been unable to reach agreement on a contract for the purchase of the System. Accordingly, the System will not be purchased at this time.

For this reason, the work group led by County Counsel and focused on the development of a use policy for the System will be disbanded. However, the overarching County effort related to the development of policies concerning surveillance technology will continue, and that effort will be informed by the discussions that have occurred to date.

cc: Hon. Laurie Smith, Sheriff
Gary A. Graves, Chief Operating Officer
Orry P. Korb, County Counsel