



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 28, 2014

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$36,170 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies, for the acquisition of "Law Enforcement Equipment: the "VeriPic Digital Evidence Manager and Associated Hardware," for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Coral Gables Police Department participates with federal law enforcement agencies of the United States Departments of Justice, Treasury and/or Homeland Security in joint law enforcement investigations. The Coral Gables Police Department's participation in those joint federal – local investigations produces federally seized funds. At the discretion of the United States Attorney General under United States Statute: 18 U.S.C. Section 981 (e)(2), and 21 U.S.C. Section 881 (e)(1)(A) and (e)(3)(b), the Coral Gables Police Department may lawfully receive equitable shares of the federally seized funds at the conclusion of the legal proceedings.

The "Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies" by the United States Department of Justice provides that the equitably shared forfeited asset funds resulting from the participation of a local agency in investigations with Federal law enforcement agencies may be utilized by the participating local agency to acquire law enforcement equipment for use by law enforcement personnel that supports law enforcement activities.

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified the VeriPic Digital Evidence Manager and associated hardware for purchase to address the agency's digital asset management issue. This software is a content management system that will allow for the processing, organizing, authenticating, securing, auditing and sharing of critical evidentiary files in image, audio, video and document formats. The associated hardware consists of servers and licenses to implement the software and securely store the agency's digital assets.

The F.A.F. Committee met on October 15, 2014 and approved this expenditure.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$ 36,170.00	673-5301-521-81-00	Federal Forfeited Asset Funds <i>Did/20/14</i>
Total:	\$ 36,170.00	APPROVED BY: Diana Gomez Finance Director <i>[Signature]</i>	

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

ATTACHMENT (S):
 Resolution