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Riverside Police Department receives \$95,000 grant

Riverside, CA -- The Riverside Police Department has been awarded a \$95,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. This Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant provides funds to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services.

The funds will be used to develop and improve technologies and automated systems to assist the police in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. Equipment will be purchased to upgrade the Digital Imaging Management System, (DIMS) used for secure storage of digital evidence and to increase the ability to conduct in-house fingerprint analysis. In addition, specialized software/equipment will allow the examination of digital media such as cell phones, USB flash drives and portable data devices.

The grant also provides funds for training to keep staff up-to-date with the ever-changing technology and certification requirements.

The U.S. Department of Justice Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (the Coverdell program) awards grants to states and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services.

The Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Act was named in memory of the late U.S. Senator Paul Coverdell (R-GA), who fought tirelessly for better support for forensic science labs. Coverdell died in office in 2000.

Riverside Police Department previously received a \$95,000 Coverdell grant in 2005.

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