

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Robert D. Spoden, Sheriff  
INITIATED BY



Diane Michaelis  
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

August 23, 2012  
DATE DRAFTED

**Amending the Sheriff's 2012 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds  
for VeriPic Digital Media Evidence Storage System**

1 **WHEREAS**, federal law authorizes the Attorney General to share federally forfeited property with  
2 participating state and local law enforcement agencies through the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture  
3 Program; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, equitably shared funds are required to be used by law enforcement agencies for law  
6 enforcement purposes only; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the intent of the transfer is to enhance law enforcement, and it must increase, not supplant  
9 the recipient's appropriated operating budget; and,  
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11 **WHEREAS**, for their participation in the program, and through the efforts of the Special Investigations  
12 Unit and the Detective Bureau, the Sheriff's Office received funds in the amount of \$21,399; and,  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office plans to use the funds to purchase a digital evidence storage system  
15 from VeriPic, Inc.; and,  
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17 **WHEREAS**, VeriPic, Inc. is the sole source supplier for this technology.  
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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
20 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, that the 2012 budget be amended as follows:  
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Account/Description	Budget 08/21/12	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
<b>Source of Funds</b>			
21-2195-0000-46000 Contributions	\$119,809.00	\$21,399.00	\$141,208.00
<b>Use of Funds</b>			
21-2195-0000-64701 Software Purchase	\$15,000.00	\$14,399.00	\$29,399.00
21-2195-0000-67130 Terminals and PCs	\$50,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$57,000.00

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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a purchase order be issued to VeriPic, Inc. in the amount of  
36 \$29,398.95.  
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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that payment be made to VeriPic, Inc. upon receipt and acceptance of  
39 the software system by the Public Safety and Justice Committee.

12-9A-106

Respectfully submitted,

**Public Safety and Justice Committee**

*Absent*

Ivan Collins, Chair

*Henry Brill*

Henry Brill, Vice Chair

*Mary Beaver*

Mary Beaver

*Brian Knudson*

Brian Knudson

*Larry Wiedenfeld*

Larry Wiedenfeld

**Finance Committee Endorsement**

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

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*Mary Mawhinney*

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes a transfer from the Sheriff's Trust Account, FBI Forfeitures, A/C 00-0000-0070-29637, which has an available balance of \$79,388.

*Sherry Oja*

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

As an amendment to the adopted 2012 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats. The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

*Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch*

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

*Craig Knutson*

Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

## **Executive Summary**

### **Amending the Sheriff's 2012 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds for VeriPic Digital Media Evidence Storage System**

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program is a nationwide law enforcement initiative that removes the tools of crime from criminal organizations and deprives wrongdoers of the proceeds of their crimes. Federal law authorizes the Attorney General to share federally forfeited property with participating state and local law enforcement agencies.

Equitably shared funds are required to be used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes only. The intent of the transfer is to enhance law enforcement. It must increase, not supplant the recipient's appropriated operating budget.

For their participation in the program, and through the efforts of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and the Detective Bureau, the Sheriff's Office received funds in the amount of \$21,399.

The Sheriff's Office plans to spend \$36,399 of equitably shared funds to purchase the VeriPic Digital Evidence Manager system and the server to be used by the Bureau of Identification and the Detective Bureau. Resolution 12-8A-095 was already passed which approved spending \$15,000 on this project. An additional \$21,399 is needed to purchase the digital evidence system and the server.

VeriPic's Digital Evidence Manager is a comprehensive solution designed specifically to help law enforcement agencies meet digital evidence handling needs. The advent of digital media including photo, audio, video, and document files, has greatly expanded and enhanced the ability of public safety organizations to document evidence. At the same time, it has created an explosion in the amount of digital media that needs to be managed. Valuable digital files are useless if they cannot be located and retrieved when needed. Managing digital evidence properly is not a luxury, it is a necessity that protects officers, the community and the justice system.

Handling sensitive information demands tight access controls and powerful security measures. Agencies are burdened with the task of managing the process of how, when and by whom thousands of pieces of digital evidence are accessed. Digital Evidence Manager secures all digital evidence utilizing a 256-bit symmetrical encryption with Key Rotation™, which protects the data without ever altering the original format or damaging it in any way. Coupled with VeriPic's multiple hashing algorithm and Image Authentication, digital evidence files are securely maintained and managed by Digital Evidence Manager from camera click to courtroom presentation.

Digital evidence files are all but lost if they cannot be found and retrieved when needed. VeriPic's Digital Evidence Manager utilizes a database solution that enables agencies to organize files based on their descriptions. Employing natural language to arrange files allows end-users to conduct searches with any piece of information they remember about a particular file.

The VeriPic Digital Evidence Manager system includes two concurrent gold licenses, one concurrent calibration module, one concurrent background removal module, web core server software, four concurrent view licenses, a fifteen month maintenance agreement, and training. The server hardware will be purchased from from Rock County Information Technology Department.

VeriPic software will be purchased from VeriPic, Inc. VeriPic, Inc. is the sole source supplier for this technology.