

10 - Task Force Review Aimed at Catching Killers, Rapists and Sex Offenders (TrackRS) Unit Expansion

- 1. Program Area:**
PUBLIC PROTECTION
- 2. Identify agencies and departments involved.**
Office of the District Attorney
- 3. Is the Strategic Priority new or previously identified in an earlier Strategic Financial Plan; if previously identified, indicate what has changed and why; identify any progress made in reaching the goals/expectations of the previously identified priority; and identify dollar amounts, by major object category, for any funding related to the Strategic Priority that is included in the FY 07-08 Budget.**

Previously identified as 2006 Strategic Priority #11. In March 2007, the Office of the District Attorney, with the cooperation of the Judges and Court personnel at the Central Justice Center, began collecting DNA from offenders for inclusion into the District Attorney's Local DNA Database. This database will further expand with the addition of the remaining justice centers.

Strategic Priority funding included in the FY 07-08 Budget:

08 Other Financing Sources	265,936
10 Salaries & Benefits	262,432
20 Services & Supplies	3,504

- 4. Provide a description of the project/program – what it is and what it will achieve. Identify how the strategic priority is consistent with the mission and values of the County and, if applicable, how it relates to the health and/or safety of the community.**

From the crime scene to the courtroom, the Office continues to leverage DNA technology to bolster public safety.

In 1996, the Office formed the TracKRS (Task Force Review Aimed at Catching Killers, Rapists, and Sex Offenders) Program with the express goal of utilizing advances in science and computer technology to assist law enforcement agencies in resolving open cases, specializing in unsolved homicide and violent sexual assault cases. A cornerstone of the TracKRS Unit is the SciLas (Samples Collected Indexed Location, Activity and Status) DNA database. This database is accessed by approved law enforcement personnel via secured web-based intranet connection.

The SciLas DNA database positioned Orange County to be in the forefront of the implementation of the "DNA Fingerprint Initiative" passed in November 2004 as Proposition 69. This proposition requires law enforcement to collect DNA samples from eligible offenders.

Historically, DNA has been effectively utilized to identify and bring murderers and rapists to justice. It can also be used to exonerate the innocent. The value of DNA evidence was further bolstered in 2004 when California voters passed Proposition 69. Those currently required to submit DNA samples include adults and juveniles convicted of any felony offense who are in custody, on parole or probation; as well as adults and juveniles convicted of any sex or arson offense, including misdemeanors; and adults arrested for or charged with felony sex offenses, murder or voluntary manslaughter. In 2009, those required to provide a DNA sample to the State's DNA database will be expanded to include adults arrested for any felony, violent or non-violent.

To maximize the effectiveness of this technology requires expanding the collection of DNA at crime scenes. Recently, the Office partnered with Santa Ana Police Department and Anaheim Police Department to collect DNA samples from property crimes. This summer, the first two groups of cases were uploaded to the State DNA database. Out of the 27 cases uploaded, 19 resulted in DNA profile matches with offender samples indexed in the State DNA database. This yield rate of 70% is exceptionally high and affirms the success of these partnerships. The criminal histories of these 19 individuals contained multiple prior convictions, including weapons, drugs, theft, and violence.

5. Identify personnel – will the program/project require additional staffing? If so, estimate the number of positions by classification.

We propose to add the following staff in each year, building incremental growth into the program:

FY 2008/2009
2-Deputy Attorney IV
2-Investigator
1-Investigative Assistant
1-Attorney's Clerk II
1-Paralegal

FY 2009/2010
2-Deputy Attorney IV
2-Investigator
1-Investigative Assistant
1-Paralegal
1-Attorney's Clerk II

6. **Identify cost – estimate and identify separately one-time (e.g., equipment purchases) and ongoing costs (e.g., maintenance contracts).**
\$35,000 one-time money is forecast each year for equipment purchases. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for ongoing cost information.
7. **Identify potential funding sources (e.g., State, Federal, General Fund, fees) and any possible limitations on those sources.**
Office of the District Attorney's portion of Fund 14B and General Fund.

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for funding information.
8. **Identify community awareness (stakeholders).**
Orange County residents and local law enforcement agencies.
9. **Is the program/project mandated or discretionary?**
Prosecution of crime is a mandated function.
10. **Identify the implementation period if funding were available.**
This is an expansion of an existing program.

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	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	FY 17-18
I. Cost											
Salaries & Benefits	262,432	832,982	1,765,612	1,849,740	1,935,504	2,028,140	2,028,140	2,028,140	2,028,140	2,028,140	2,028,140
Services & Supplies	3,504	222,008	229,016	229,016	229,016	229,016	229,016	229,016	229,016	229,016	229,016
Fixed Assets	0	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Agency Expense Total	265,936	1,089,990	2,029,628	2,113,756	2,199,520	2,292,156	2,292,156	2,292,156	2,292,156	2,292,156	2,292,156
II. Non-General Fund Revenue											
Other Financing Sources	265,936	1,089,990	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Revenue Total	265,936	1,089,990	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
III. General Fund Requirement	0	0	2,029,628	2,113,756	2,199,520	2,292,156	2,292,156	2,292,156	2,292,156	2,292,156	2,292,156
IV. Staffing											
Attorney's Clerk II	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Deputy Attorney IV	0	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Investigative Assistant	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Investigator	0	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Paralegal	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Agency Position Total	0	7	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14