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Supervisors - I think this agenda item deserves some discussion before just passing it through on Consent.

- In what instances would this software be used (with or without a court order)?
- How often in the past has it been used & how effective/useful has it been?
- Do the Supervisors consider any risk regarding privacy laws? Cellebrite is able to access encrypted & deleted data along with items on social media & in the cloud. Apple was directly involved in legal proceedings where they were refusing to install a secret backdoor for Cellebrite to access users' data. (FBI v Apple from 2016 – the FBI later withdrew the case). Another point to keep in mind is the “accidental” collection of data on a person that is not the direct subject of the investigation just because their info was found during this “search”. Who would have access to this data? Who would make sure this data when extracted is kept confidential? How/where is it stored?
- Do the Supervisors have concerns about possible tampering with evidence? <https://stacklaw.com.au/news/criminal-law/concerns-over-police-reliance-on-cellebrite-data-extraction-technology>. Signal's co-Founder found that the code used to scan & extract data could be easily manipulated which could be used to plant evidence & skew outcomes in court....and no one would be able to tell that the data had been tampered with.

There are ongoing concerns with this Israeli company and many court cases that have raised issues over the admissibility in court. I think it would be wise to at a minimum have an open discussion regarding this topic. Many in this county don't understand the level of technology that is available or that it's even currently being used.

Thank you,  
Krista Grassi