



## Legislation Text

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Sheriff's Office recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement 002-S1711 with the County of Sacramento in an amount not-to-exceed \$180,000 for the term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 to continue to receive reports from certified forensic pathologists in instances of a homicide, suspicious death or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

**FUNDING:** General Fund.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

Sheriff's Office recommends the approval and signing of this Agreement #002-S1711.

**DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:**

When the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office investigates a homicide, a suspicious death, or a death from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, an autopsy needs to be conducted by a certified forensic pathologist in order to have credible evidence for a court proceeding or to comply with state protocols. El Dorado County does not employ a certified forensic pathologist, and as a result, the Sheriff's Office has historically contracted with Sacramento County for these services. The Sheriff's Office is increasing the not to exceed amount by \$30,000, compared to previous contracts to ensure that enough funding is available in the agreement to cover the costs. In looking at the statistics going back to 2011, there has been an increase in suspicious deaths in El Dorado County that require autopsies to be performed by the Sacramento County Coroner's Office.

The current contract with Sacramento County for these services expires on June 30, 2016.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Failure to approve and sign this contract could result in the cancellation of the contract and the loss of services to the Sheriff's Office.

**OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

County Counsel and Risk approved this contract.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the department's recommendation.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no Net County Cost associated with this item. The Sheriff's Office has budgeted for this service.

**Clerk of the Board Follow Up Actions**

Board Clerk to return signed originals to Sheriff's Office for processing by the County of Sacramento.

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:**

Public Safety

**Contact**

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