



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Warren Rupf, Sheriff-Coroner  
Date: December 8, 2009

Subject: ADD 2 Full-time Criminalist III Positions

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Position Adjustment Resolution No. 20753 to add two permanent Criminalist III (6DTA) positions, at salary level VN5-1922 (\$7,165 - 8,709) in the Office of the Sheriff, Support Services Bureau, Forensics Services Division.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The annual cost of this action is \$209,032; \$121,935 in fiscal year 2009/10. No net County costs. 100% funded by the FY09 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program Grant.

**BACKGROUND:**

Contra Costa County has a population base of 1.1 million and has over forty years of cold cases. Very few cases have been subjected to modern DNA technology. Many individuals at the local police, Sheriff, and District Attorney's offices are motivated to solve these cases, but lack the time due to current case loads. A collaborative effort between the Investigation and Forensic Services Divisions of the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff will provide County-wide cold case investigation support and forensic analysis. Grant funds will be used to hire

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **12/08/2009** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Gayle B. Uilkema, District II  
Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III  
Supervisor  
Susan A. Bonilla, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 8, 2009

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: EMY L. SHARP, Deputy

Contact: Eileen Devlin,  
335-1557

cc:

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

two per diem investigators to review the cold cases and to hire two Criminalists dedicated to performing biological screening and DNA analysis. The investigators will work closely with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office after any DNA match, either resulting from upload into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) or through direct comparison to a suspect reference standards, to package the case for filing and prosecution.

### ATTACHMENTS

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