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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner  
Date: March 28, 2017

Subject: Contract with Murdock & Assoc for Forensic Firearms Examination Services

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Sheriff-Coroner, or designee, to execute a contract with John Murdock and Associates, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$231,000 to provide specialized forensic services for the period May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% Agency User fees.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Office of the Sheriff-Coroner is in need of dedicated forensic services and training. Casework most often is performed through the Sheriff's Office Forensic Services Division, which is currently in need of additional assistance. John Murdock is a world renowned forensic firearms expert. John Murdock and Associates will predominately conduct forensic casework and firearms comparison for cases using the County laboratory. He will also provide training and case consultation. The contract is expected to have 100% cost recovery in addition to possible revenue through billing to other agencies. The County will ensure compliance with laboratory accreditation standards through our Forensic Services Division.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **03/28/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: Candace Andersen, District  
II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, 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: March 28, 2017

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

By: , Deputy

Contact: Sandra Brown  
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cc:

**CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

A negative action on this contract would result in the Office of the Sheriff not being able to provide needed services to the County and other agencies.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.