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MEMO

TO: Collin County Commissioners

FROM: Greg Willis *GW*

DATE: February 15, 2020

RE: Bid Packet for Specification of Forensic Testing

On November 18, 2019, this Court approved the application for the “District Attorney Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant FY2020” offered through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. My office is currently waiting to hear whether this grant has been awarded and if so, in what amount. If awarded, the grant funds would be used to fund quantitative THC testing for seized cannabis samples. The grant would help eliminate the backlog of untested cannabis cases, created by the new testing requirements in recently passed legislation (HB1325).

I am asking this court to approve the specification for Forensic Testing of Physical Evidence, (the bid packet) prior to the grant approval, due to the short period of time allocated for this grant. If funds are awarded, my office will only have about six months to submit evidence for testing, before the grant expires. In order to maximize the benefit of any funds received, we need the bid process to be completed, with the vendors/labs approved and ready to begin testing. Even if the grant is not approved, this bid process is still needed as my office would entertain funding forensic testing from alternate sources.

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