



City of Cleveland Memorandum
Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

TO: Kevin J. Kelley, Chair
Committee of the Whole

FROM: Karrie Howard, Director
Department of Public Safety

DATE: September 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 692-2020 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more contracts with Avail Forensics for the acquisition of software and licenses for the Pathfinder Turn-Key Solution, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety; and authorizing the director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to reimburse the City for expenses related to the City's acquisition of the software and licenses

Ordinance No. 692-2020, if passed by Council, will authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with Avail Forensics for software and licenses for the Pathfinder Turn-Key Solution for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety; to authorize an agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for reimbursement by the FBI of expenses associated with the purchase of the software and licenses referenced above.

This software is the same software currently used by the FBI as a forensic analytical tool to process digital evidence to help identify connections between cases. This software would provide the Cleveland Police Department with a significant forensic tool to process digital evidence to assist in homicide investigations.

As part of the initiative to add resources to homicide investigations, the FBI is offering to reimburse the City for the cost of five licenses for a three year subscription (\$150,000.00). At the end of the three year period, the City would have the option to continue the subscription at the City's expense or to discontinue using the software.

We have also submitted a request to ITS for review/ approval of the purchase of the software and licenses.

The \$150,000.00 cost of the software and licenses will be funded by the Police operating budget: Fund 01, Subfund 001, Dept. 6002 and RQS 6002 RL2020*075 has been submitted in Advantage.