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To: Board of Finance
From: Michael Schirling, Chief of Police
Re: State v. Jose Pazos – Advanced notice of expenses
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As you may know, our annual budget is constructed without funding for major cases. This is done intentionally as those expenses are, fortunately, not regular occurrences.

As we move through the prosecution and, ultimately, the projected trial of Jose Pazos for his alleged role in the murder of Kathleen Smith I am writing to provide some advanced notice of costs associated with this case. Every major crime investigation and trial results in a host of expenses, but due to the complexity of this case, the myriad of critical physical evidence, and the volume of investigators who participated, we are faced with a number of challenges and expenses.

Among the costs we anticipate are:

1. Costs associated with out-of-state DNA analysis on a variety of items.
2. Costs associated with expert analysis of physical crime evidence.
3. Overtime costs for case and trial preparation, additional investigation that will be required during the trial preparation.
4. Travel expenses should the case result in a change of venue.
5. Lodging expenses for employees required for early morning, late day, and repetitive testimony.
6. Other unforeseeable expenses for materials, additional lab analysis, trial preparation, etc.

Our ballpark estimate for costs is a wide range between \$10,000 and \$40,000. As always, we will make every effort to mitigate costs while preserving the integrity of the case and the prosecution effort.

We anticipate that these costs will hit the current (FY11) budget as well as FY12 and possibly FY13; depending on the pace the case takes in the Court system. In each of these fiscal years there may be a need for specific supplemental appropriation to cover at least some of these costs and wanted to provide as much notice as possible to the Board. More information will follow as it becomes available. At this time no supplemental appropriation is needed.

As more information and detail is available I will provide it.

Thank you for your time in support on this difficult case.