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Judge Bryan Wilson
Burnet County Commissioners Court
Burnet County Courthouse
Burnet County, Texas

Re: The purchase of laptop computers for the District Attorney's Office.

The 33rd/424th Judicial District Attorney's Office is requesting the purchase of four (4) laptop computers for the purpose of prosecuting certain crimes involving the abuse and exploitation of children. Due to the nature of these types of cases, designated computers are needed to handle these materials in preparation for trial. Additionally, complying with the Texas Rules of Criminal Procedure requires these materials be made available under strict guidelines to the defense in preparation for trial.

The District Attorney's Office is specifically requesting that at least two (2) of the laptops contain increased levels of processing memory and speed (often called gaming quality) for the purpose of downloading computer and phone "dumps" for suspected evidence in criminal investigations. Due to the large amount of data associated with computer and phone dumps, the increased memory and processing speeds will be necessary to open and review this data.

The second two (2) laptops will be used to comply with discovery procedures required by law and for handling these sensitive materials in preparation for court. These two laptops will be considered contaminated due to the nature of the materials that will be handled on them and will have to be handled under strict guidelines.

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure § 38.45 states that sensitive materials of this type are to be provided to the attorney representing the State so that the State may comply with the discovery statutes of Texas Code of Criminal Procedure § 39.14 and 39.15 (The Michael Morton Act).

Similarly, under federal law 18 U.S.C. 3509M requires that materials of this nature are to be maintained under the care of the government (which one would argue would be the prosecutors) so that the government can comply with federal discovery requirements.

For the above reasons the District Attorney requests the purchase of these laptops for the purpose of effectively complying with the discovery statutes while preparing these cases for trial.

Respectfully Submitted

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