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To: Whom it may concern
From: Donnell Tanksley
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Subject: Grant award for Rapid DNA
Date: 09-10-24

The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office recently received a grant from the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$440,000. This grant was the result of legislative work from Rep Rick Larson allowing the Whatcom County Sheriffs Office to purchase a Rapid DNA machine. Such a machine allows investigators to collect DNA from suspects, human remains, blood or other biohazard material and within ninety minutes learn if there is a DNA match. Assuming Washington State legislators enact law, this machine will function nationwide, whereas now it can be used solely as a county data base. Enclosed is the contract between the United States Department of Justice and Whatcom County to fund the purchase of said machine.

If you have questions, please contact Chief Erik Francis at 360-778-6636.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Erik Francis", with a large loop and a long horizontal stroke.