



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
AGENDA ITEM  
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**Item Number: 2.13**

**MEETING DATE:** 09/13/2022

**DEPARTMENT:** PROBATION

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Lorraine Carrasquillo

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Joe Frontella

**SUBJECT:**

**PROBATION - J. FRONTELLA, JR.**

Approve the purchase of Thermo Scientific Portable Instrument (TruNarc) handheld drug detection machine for the amount of \$30,866.99, pursuant to GSA Contract No. GS-07F-6099R under the authority of the GSA Cooperative Purchasing Program, to be funded by AB 109 2011 Public Safety Realignment Grant and approved by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Executive Team.  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 510

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

San Benito County has had a spike in drug overdoses likely linked to fentanyl heavily saturating the local drug supply by lacing drugs like methamphetamine and creating counterfeit pills. In 2021 there were 40 reported administrations of naloxone to individuals experiencing an overdose compared to 38 in 2020 and 23 in 2019.

The spike and pattern in San Benito County follows similar patterns seen across California and in our neighboring counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz. The most recent San Benito County Coroner death data shows seven overdose-related deaths in 2019, nine deaths in 2020 and six thus far in 2021, with the expectation for this number to increase pending final toxicology reports. Three of the deaths from 2021 involved fentanyl. The Santa Clara County Medical Examiner has confirmed at least one San Benito County overdose death was due to a

new fentanyl analog. The new fentanyl analog has been found in other counties (Santa Cruz and Santa Clara) and may be contributing to the increase in overdoses.

The impact of more potent narcotics within the local drug supply, elevates the critical need for local quick and accurate identification of substances. Currently, local testing capabilities are very limited. Sending drug samples away for testing creates long turn-around times for results and is costly. In addition, there is no way for personnel across agencies to assess level of risk exposure in real-time or determine types of drugs/trends circulating in San Benito County.

TruNarc™ is a field-based handheld Raman analyzer that tests for narcotics, precursors, and cutting agents. The device can immediately detect and identify the substance. It is safe to use, as it does not require touching the substance. This device enables personnel to scan and identify more than 498 suspected controlled substances in a single, definitive test. The library is automatically updated for emerging substances. It can analyze numerous fentanyl compounds. TruNarc™ is capable of scanning through plastic or glass to minimize contamination, tampering, and increase personnel safety. Additionally, it provides automated, tamper-proof records with scan results, including time-date-location stamps.

**RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

No

**CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

Yes

**CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:**

This purchase is being made pursuant to GSA Contract No. GS-07F-6099R awarded by the federal government under the authority of the GSA Cooperative Purchasing Program, and pursuant to the County's Purchasing Ordinance, San Benito County Code section 5.09.010(J).

**LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:**

N/A

**STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community**

Yes

**BUDGETED:**

Yes

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:**

No

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Non-general Fund

**UNFUNDED MANDATE:**

No

**SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:**

411.50.4040.1000.650.302

**CURRENT FY COST:**

\$30,866.99

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Thermo Scientific Invoice](#)

[Purchase Order](#)

[Contract No. GS-07F-6988R](#)

[Minutes 4-4-22 CCP Meeting - APPROVED](#)