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HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FUNDS FINGERPRINT ANALYSIS SYSTEM FOR GALENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

(Houston, Texas) Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson will present a check to the City of Galena Park on Tuesday, July 15[,] at 6 p.m. during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The check for \$58,473.00 will be used for the purchase of an automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS) for the Galena Park Police Department.

The AFIS system will revolutionize the current system in Galena Park and enable officers to spend more time on the streets, patrolling and fighting crime, instead of undergoing lengthy inmate processing procedures that are currently in place. This system will aid Galena Park officers in identifying suspects and arrestees who possess no identification.

The money comes from discretionary funds of the asset forfeiture division of the Harris County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Magidson states that the AFIS system is greatly needed, and he will continue to fund worthwhile law enforcement enhancement requests.