



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#21-1017**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** November 16, 2021

**TITLE:** Motion Approving Amendment No. 1 for Sexual Assault Response Team  
Kit Testing – Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. - \$83,325 - **(Commission  
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve Amendment No. 1, in substantially the form attached, to extend the term of the agreement with Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. (Bode, Inc.), for the purchase of sexual assault response team (SART) kits, effective through November 30, 2022, for an additional estimated amount of \$83,325 in FY22.

**Background**

In April 2020, the Police Department submitted a grant application under the National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Competitive Grant program. The purpose of the program is to examine issues related to the handling, development, and implementation methodology of sexual assault kits (SAKs) to improve the processing and preservation of quality DNA evidence, and the provision of trauma-informed victim services.

In December 2020, the Police Department was notified of its award of \$218,496 in SAKI funding, which is a continuation of the FY18 SAKI program that will fund testing of the remaining unsubmitted sexual assault kits, the installation of an investigative tracking system for related criminal cases, staff overtime for investigative follow-up, related travel costs, and training for Special Victims personnel.

The Police Department is in need to outsource SART kit testing services, as the City does not have its own laboratory to facilitate the described type of procedure. Bode, Inc. was selected as outsourcing vendor based on specific criteria recommended by the Department of Justice and best practices. Bode, Inc. is accredited by ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) to ISO/IEC 17025:2005, the ASCLD/LAB-International Supplemental Requirements for Forensic Testing Laboratories as well as the FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic Testing Laboratories and DNA Databasing Laboratories.

On August 29, 2019, a contract was administratively approved for SART kit testing services with Bode, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$99,999, to be coterminous with the County of Santa Clara Contract No. 5500002978.

On March 2, 2021, the City Commission approved additional funds by \$16,950, increasing the total contract value from \$99,999 to \$116,949 (CAM 21-0215).

Santa Clara County issued Amendments extending the agreement until November 30, 2022. Additional Grant funding has been allocated in the amount of \$83,325 for the purchase of SART kit testing services for FY22. Staff recommends approval of Amendment No. 1 extending the contract to November 30, 2022, for a total contract value of \$200,274.

### **Resource Impact**

Funds for this purchase in the amount of \$83,325 are available in the FY 2022 Budget in the account listed below:

<b><i>Funds available as of October 14, 2021</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
129-GNSAK/21-3199	FY2020 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative	Other Professional Services	\$90,315	\$88,882	\$83,325
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$83,325</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is *2021 Commission Priority*, advancing the Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- The Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety Element
- Goal 4: Coordinate with related partners and agencies (at city, local, county, regional, state, and federal levels) to plan for disaster and emergency management, further the resiliency of coastal areas, and ensure city-wide

community health and safety.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Santa Clara County Agreement with Amendments

Exhibit 2 – Executed Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Amendment No. 1

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