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Since 2021, Graykey has been used by the Cyber Crimes Lab at the State's Attorney's Office to process cellular phone evidence in cases that include homicides, internet crimes against children, violent crimes, sex crimes, terrorism and fraud. The product provides lawful password circumvention and data recovery capabilities for iOS devices. This capability is not available in any other commercial tool and represents a critical capability for the Cyber Crimes Lab. Due to the nature and volatility of data from iOS devices, without Graykey capabilities, evidence from these cases would be permanently unrecoverable.

The State's Attorney seeks a bid exemption under Lake County Ordinance 33.066 based on following language in the ordinance: **"Single source. There is only one source for the required goods, service, or construction item; . . ."**

Graykey is the only commercial software that allows lawful password circumvention and data recovery to current iOS devices. It is also the only software that preserves iOS cellular phone evidence for processing. Without this product, processing cellular phone evidence would be critically limited and access to evidence from iOS mobile devices would be permanently unobtainable. This would affect not only the State's Attorney's Office, but also the countless law enforcement departments with whom we work.

Previously Graykey was grant funded. The original grant funding is no longer available and we are actively seeking out another grant that will fund this for multiple years.

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**Felony Division
Drug Division
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Special Investigations**

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Felony Review Division
Robert H. Babcox
Justice Center

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Robert W. Depke
Juvenile Justice Complex

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Traffic Division**

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