



**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

Lake County, Illinois

**JOHN D. IDLEBURG**

**SHERIFF**

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February 1, 2024

**EMERGENCY  
DIAL 911**

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing Agent 18 North County Street Waukegan, IL 60085

**DIVISIONS**

Via email to Rhall@lakecountyil.gov Ms. Hall,

The Sheriff's Office received an information notification from Homeland Security Investigations that reads:

**Civil Process  
(847) 377-4400**

***Homeland Security Investigations in conjunction with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations have identified that hundreds of law enforcement agencies have purchased ballistic protection from Shot Stop Ballistics and Vallmar. Shot Stop Ballistics and Vallmar have allegedly been importing ballistic protective equipment from China that does not meet or has not been tested to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) ballistic testing standards from approximately 2019 until present day.***

**Communications  
(847) 549-5200**

***Homeland Security Investigations has been notifying agencies of the possibility that their personnel are utilizing Shot Stop Ballistics or Vallmar products that may not meet the stated NIJ protection level.***

**Community  
Service  
(847) 377-4211**

**Court Security  
(847) 377-4911**

**Criminal  
Investigations  
(847) 377-4250**

Lake County Sheriff has removed these plates from use in our specialty units including TRT, SIG and the warrants division. Lake County Sheriff is requesting that Lake County Purchasing authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$38,430.00 to place an order of 60 ballistic plates from Streicher's Milwaukee. This is not a budgeted item and the Sheriff's office will be using seizure funds to pay for this purchase. These replacements were not budgeted in the FY24 budget as we were unaware of the fraud by our previous vendor in selling ballistic plates that did not confirm to NIJ standards. This is necessary to minimize serious disruption of government services as these specialty units require ballistic plates in order to perform their duties.

**Emergency  
Management  
Agency  
(847) 377-7100**

**Highway Patrol  
(847) 377-7020**

We respectfully request that you approve this emergency procurement under the 33.067 Emergency Procurement section of the Purchasing Ordinance.

**Jail  
(847) 377-4150**

If you have any questions please contact me directly.

**Judicial Sales  
(847) 377-4401**

Robert C. Richards

Chief

**Marine Unit  
(847) 587-4471**

**Records  
(847) 377-4200**

xc: Sheriff John D. Idleburg

**Training  
(847) 377-4350**

Undersheriff Lawrence Oliver

Lt. Jacob Novak

**Warrants  
(847) 377-4300**

Business Manager James Chamernik

Contract Manager Katie Ladis

**Work Release  
(847) 377-4450**

Budget Analyst Nick Principali

Purchasing Buyer Stacy Davis-Wynn

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