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Request for City Council Committee Action

Date	May 5, 2004
To Referral to	Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee Ways and Means
Prepared by Approved by	Lt. Phil Hafvenstein, Phone 673-8829 Deputy Chief Tim Dolan,
Subject	**Automated Pawn System**

Presenters in Committee Lt. Phil Hafvenstein, APS Project Director and Commander, License Investigations and Crime Laboratory Division
Deputy Chief Tim Dolan, MPD Internal Services Bureau

Recommendation
The Minneapolis Police Department respectfully requests its authorized non-sworn personnel be increased by one (1) full-time equivalent (fte) and appropriation for Police Special Fund 2100-400-C201 be increased $75,000. Fund has sufficient revenues to accommodate additional appropriation.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

____ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
_X_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
___ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
___ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
_X_ Other financial impact (Explain): Full-time directing and marketing of MPD's public safety intellectual properties initiatives will accelerate their growth and maximize revenues. Reclassified position has NO cost impact on the general fund.
_X_ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

In 1995, Lt. Phil Hafvenstein identified the need to reinvent the way the City regulated its pawn shops and secondhand dealers and created, developed and implemented the Automated Pawn System (APS). In addition to his fulltime responsibilities as commander of the License Investigation Division, Lt. Hafvenstein has

managed the APS project since its inception, successfully marketing it to nearly a hundred other jurisdictions in Minnesota and Wisconsin. All of these agencies pay Minneapolis to use and access APS

In June of 2003, the civilian Crime Laboratory Director's position was eliminated due to budget cuts and reassigned to Lt. Hafvenstein – filling his plate to near overflowing.

Using funds provided by a 1.8 million dollar grant, the department is now upgrading the time and scheduling program it developed several years ago, known affectionately as BERTHA. As a condition of the grant, we are obligated to provide the executable of version 2.0 free of charge to any public safety agency that desires it. However, the department can, and will, charge for versions 3, 4, 5 etc. Because of his unique skills, experience, and success with APS the department has asked Lt. Hafvenstein to take responsibility for helping design and implement a national marketing program for BERTHA. He is already working on this with the Sogeti Corporation, our national marketing and support partner for this intellectual property initiative.

Given the accelerating growth of APS, its related revenues, and the potential return on investment BERTHA can provide to the department, it is imperative that Lt. Hafvenstein is freed of his other duties so he can successfully direct these projects. The requested non-sworn fte will accommodate reclassification of those portions of his current assignment that involve the development, marking, and directing of the department's intellectual property initiatives. The department will retain the sworn fte and reassign command of the License Investigation and Crime Lab Division.

This request has no cost impact to the general fund.