IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract for the furnishing of Offender Watch software and program maintenance, for use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to Watch Systems of Covington, LA, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the county not to exceed \$11,000.00.

RESOLUTION #17357, August 23, 2010

INTRODUCED BY James D. Tindall, County Legislator

WHEREAS, section 1030.1, <u>Jackson County Code</u>, 1984, eliminates the requirement for competitive bidding when items or services to be purchased can be obtained from only one source; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance and Purchasing recommends the purchase of Offender Watch, a web-based software program to manage and monitor sex offenders, from Watch Systems of Covington, Louisiana, for use by the Sheriff's Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Director further recommends that he not take competitive bids with regard to said program for the reason that Watch Systems, is the developer and sole provider of this program, which is the only program of which the Sheriff's Office is aware that meets its needs; now therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that award be made as recommended by the Director of Finance and Purchasing and that the Director

be and is hereby authorized to execute for the County any documents necessary for the accomplishment of the award; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and Purchasing is authorized to make all payments including final payment on the contract.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

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Chief Deputy County Cou	nselor	Acting County Counselor					
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8/23/10 Date	····	Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature					
There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.							
ACCOUNT NUMBER:	001 5101 56080						
ACCOUNT TITLE:	General Fund Non Departmental Other Professional	Services					
NOT TO EXCEED:	\$11,000.00						
<u>Jugust 23,2010</u> Date		Director of Finance and Purchasing					

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Completed by County Counselor's Office:
Res Ord No.: 17357
Sponsor(s): James D. Tindall
Date: August 23, 2010

SUBJECT	Action Requested ☐ Resolution ☐ Ordinance Project/Title: Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Contract for the "Offender Watch" program Sheriff's Office from Watch Systems of Covington, LA as a Sole Source.					
BUDGET INFORMATION To be completed By Requesting Department and Finance	Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year: Amount previously authorized this fiscal year: Total amount authorized after this legislative action: Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers): Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number; 001-5101-56080 Road & Bridge Fund, Non-Department, Other Professional Services If account includes additional funds for other expenses, total budgeted in the account is: \$64,000.00 OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION: No budget impact (no fiscal note required) Term and Supply Contract (funds approved in the annual budget); estimated value and use of contract: Department: Estimated Use: \$					
	Prior Year Budget (if applicable): Prior Year Actual Amount Spent (if applicable):					
PRIOR LEGISLATION	Prior ordinances and (date): N/A Prior resolutions and (date): N/A					
CONTACT INFORMATION	RLA drafted by (name, title, & phone): Barbara Casamento, Purchasing Supervisor, 881-3253					
REQUEST SUMMARY	The Sheriff's Office is seeking the purchase of an internet accessible program (Offender Watch) to manage and monitor sex offenders. This program will provide both an Administrative/Management tool for the Sheriff's Office and Community Notifications for the citizens of Jackson County, Missouri for the monitoring and management of sex offenders. No additional hardware or software purchases are necessary to utilize this program. Pursuant to Section 1030.1 of the Jackson County Code, 1984, the Director of Finance and Purchasing recommends the purchase of this program for the Sheriff's Office from Watch Systems of Covington, LA as a					
	Sole Source. Research by the Sheriff's Department indicates there is available on the market.	not another program like this currently				
CLEARANCE	☐ Tax Clearance Completed (Purchasing & Department) N/A ☐ Business License Verified (Purchasing & Department) N/A ☐ Chapter 6 Compliance - Affirmative Action/Prevailing Wage (Co	ounty Auditor's Office)				
ATTACHMENTS	Sole Source Memorandum from Sgt. Ronda Montgomery of the Sheri proposal.	iff's Office and a copy of Watch System's				
REVIEW	Department Director	Date				

Finance (Budget Approval): If applicable Waling Rasmusse	Date: 8/19/10
Division Manager:	Date: 8/19/10
County Counselor's Office:	Date:

П This expenditure was included in the annual budget. Funds for this were encumbered from the Fund in . \boxtimes There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized. 001 FUND: General DEPT: 5101 Non Departmental OBJECT: Other Professional Svcs 56080 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$11,000.00 \Box Funds sufficient for this expenditure will be/were appropriated by Ordinance # Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below. Account Title: Account Number: Amount Not to Exceed: This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order. This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.

Fiscal Information (to be verified by Budget Office in Finance Department)

Fiscal Note:

This expenditure was included in the Annual Budget.

Date:	August 18, 2010		RES#	17357
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Ms. Barbara Casamento Purchasing Supervisor Jackson County, Missouri 415 E. 12th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64106 SHERIFF MIKE SHARP COLONEL HUGH L. MILLS COLONEL BEN C. KENNEY

August 5, 2010

Dear Ms. Casamento,

The Jackson County, MO Sheriff's Office is seeking the purchase of a program called OffenderWatch®. It is described as, "an internet accessible (web-based) turnkey service" that is both an administrative and management tool to manage and monitor sex offenders. In addition, it provides agency personalized community notification and mapping of offenders, community notification flyers and personalized e-mail alerts. It is the only program of it's kind in the US provided to local and state law enforcement agencies.

The current data base we use, ITI, was upgraded this week. Due only to Dan Davis with Jackson County IT building a program to extract some data from the sex offender module of the previous version of ITI, the information was provided for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office web site. In addition, each time the offender data was updated for the public, it was done so manually. This process included several time consuming steps to ensure the appropriate and accurate information was extracted.

Since it has been updated, a new program would have to be built by IT to extract the data from our database and provide information to the public. In the interim, the public has access to the last update made prior to the upgrade in systems. However, they do not have recent or real time access to Jackson County's sex offenders, which is currently one of the most accessed link on Jackson County's site.

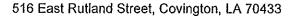
Another benefit to obtaining Offender Watch is the notification capability which our current (even upgraded) database does not have at all. This would benefit the public by providing notification to neighbors when an offender moves in to their neighborhood. This is a necessity considering statistics show sex offenders have one of the highest recidivism rates which is the true purpose behind the sex offender laws.

Several recent missing children were found to have been kidnapped by sex offenders living near their victims. This program would be a tool to all law enforcement to map out the offenders living nearby that we have not previously had the capability to do. In addition, Probation and Parole would have limited access to the system allowing them to determine of an offender is compliant or not. Both of these would save countless hours of staff time and investigation.

The current system is not adequate, and the Sheriff's Office would like to purchase OffenderWatch® and use it as a database that also provides a service to law enforcement and the citizens and visitors of Jackson and surrounding counties with real time information regarding sex offenders in Jackson County. We believe this is an urgent need and would like to begin using the program immediately. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 816-881-3882.

Sincerely

Ronda A. Montgomery
Sex Offender Registration
and Enforcement Unit





OffenderWatch® sole source/concise overview statement

April 2010

Watch Systems, LLC, of Covington, LA provides a program called *OffenderWatch** to State Agencies, Sheriffs, Police departments and Indian Tribes on a nationwide basis. It is an internet accessible (web-based) turnkey service provided to unlimited users in the agency. No hardware or software is required or must be purchased to utilize *OffenderWatch** by the user agency. Currently there are over 1000 agencies in 38 states using the program.

OffenderWatch® is the only program of its' kind in the US provided to local and state law enforcement agencies. OffenderWatch® provides both an administrative/management tool that enables law enforcement to better manage and monitor their offenders and it provides Agency-personalized community notification and mapping via web-site searches, community notification flyers and personalized email alerts. Here is a typical example of a citizen portal for web site access to offender data — www.sheriffalerts.com/ga/gwinnett

The OffenderWatch® program is fully Adam Walsh ACT/SORNA compliant – meeting all requirements and conditions of the ACT and will enable an Agency to be AWA/SORNA compliant. The features of OffenderWatch® include:

- a web accessible offender registration database to house all the data and addresses associated to all the registered sex
 offenders (and other offenders) in the county, including historical data, and this offender data can be searched, printed
 and mapped on demand searches may also include offender data from adjoining jurisdictions who are using
 OffenderWatch®.
- verification that offender addresses do not violate residency restrictions around your <u>local safety buffers</u> surrounding any
 protected addresses in the jurisdiction typically including schools, day cares, churches, parks, bus stops, etc., and if an
 address is entered that violates the local buffer, the registration officer is alerted at the time of entry. A quick address
 checker enables immediate verification that addresses are compliant.
- provides management assistance and tools to help deputies and registration officers manage the <u>offender</u> <u>verification/compliance check process</u>, including placing the offenders on calendars showing when they are due to be verified for up to 5 different verification cycles, along with maps, profiles, reports.
- 4. OffenderWatch® can provide an <u>automated electronic update</u> of the offender record to the state registry from the originating, local registration agency, and print the state registration forms as an automatic by-product of registration.
- provides for the automatic <u>printing and delivery of community notification/postal flyers</u> to US postal addresses to a userdefined radius around offender address
- 6. provides the means for citizens, via a link on existing web sites, to <u>search for offenders who are considered "publishable"</u>
 <u>by state law,</u> within a user-defined radius of any address the citizen wishes to enter, and then see a neighborhood map
 and a list of the offenders then citizens can register the address to be monitored and receive a personalized <u>email alert</u>
 if an offender should register an address within the specified radius of the citizen's address. Citizens may register as
 many addresses as they like.

Watch Systems, LLC, for the quoted annual services fee, will provide the following services:

- A. Unlimited users of the *OffenderWatch** program, unlimited users from the partner agencies such as Police Departments, Probation/Parole, etc., unlimited offenders, and unlimited maps/emails for the citizens, accessible to the citizens via a personalized agency portal
- B. Initial conversion, setup and testing of the offenders into OffenderWatch® and also setup and testing of all the protected addresses (both parcels and address points) and the associated buffers in the county ~ Watch does this for your agency!
- C. Unlimited training and retraining as required of agency users and SORT staff
- D. Help Desk.via emall and telephone to support user questions and issues, and Tech Support as required to help resolve geo-coding (mapping) issues with addresses for offenders, citizens or institutions
- E. Updates to the program automatically provided periodically as users log on to OffenderWatch
- F. Updates to the local jurisdiction maps are provided periodically and automatically

Watch Systems hosts the *OffenderWatch®* application and other servers for clients in commercial fully redundant NCIC compliant data-center to provide maximum uptime of the application for law enforcement users and citizens of over 99.999%.

Please contact Mark A. Wilson, VP Sales and Marketing, at 985-871-6979 for more information or if you have any questions. Our tax ID# is 72-1475068. OffenderWatch™ is a non-taxable internet service.



Jackson County Sheriffs' Office Sheriff Mike Sharp

Proposal for: **OffenderWatch®**

Presented 6/14/2010:

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OffenderWatch® references and sample web sites:

Sacramento County CA Sheriff, Sheriff John McGuinness, http://www.sacsheriff.com/

Allen County IN Sheriff, Sheriff Ken Frles http://www.allencountysheriff.org

Las Vegas Metro PD/Clark County NV, Sheriff Doug Gillespie http://www.ivmpd.com/

Collin County TX, Sheriff Terry Box http://www.co.collin.tx.us/sheriff

Dupage County IL Sheriffs' Office, Sheriff John Zaruba http://www.dupageco.org/sheriff/

Brevard County FL Sheriffs' Office, Sheriff Jack Parker, http://www.brevardsheriff.com

Broome County NY Sheriff, Sheriff Harder, http://www.gobroomecounty.com/sheriff

Watch Systems, LLC

Watch Systems is a privately held software development firm based in the New Orleans, LA area who specializes in sex offender registration and community notification software and services at a state and local level. Over the past ten years we have refined a software solution as well as supporting services that are used by over 1000 law enforcement and state agencies in thirty nine states. The OffenderWatch® solution represents a fully AWA/SORNA compliant internet-based solution that is highly configurable and serves agencies and communities large and small all across America.

A common misconception is that sex offender laws and enforcement are clear and consistent. The facts are:

- Sex offender management involves registration, verification and community notification, and virtually all 50 states have differing law and customs
- Merely posting offender data on a web site does not satisfy the citizens' need to know the proximity of registered sex offenders to their homes and schools
- Geographic Risk Assessments and proactive Email Alerts such as are provided by OffenderWatch@ are the best means available to satisfy the citizens' need to know

Watch Systems is the only fully integrated, nationwide proven supplier of a demonstrable sex offender management and community notification software solution. OffenderWatch® is bundled with proven expertise to help local agencies raise the visibility with citizens of the solution, in order to gain widespread acceptance and use of the web page and notification services. We have delivered under Law Enforcement Banners and logos millions of postal notification flyers and emails. By partnering with Watch Systems and using OffenderWatch®, clients demonstrate that they are doing all that is possible to do to protect the public.

Section 1: OffenderWatch® Solution for Jackson County Sheriffs' Office:

OffenderWatch® Registration database:

- OffenderWatch® sex offender Internet-accessible database will be provided to house data associated with Jackson County Sheriffs' Office sex offenders, with Jackson County street maps and addresses for the County built in, with user manual and quick start guide
- The Jackson County Sheriff will supply their own PC's with internet access to house the client registration program and access the secure web site where the offender database resides.
 OffenderWatch® supports unlimited users from your agency.
- The database can include (but most of this data is not required) the following:
 - a. Demographics physical, scars, tattoos, photo, email and IM addresses
 - Address (home, school, work, temporary, volunteer) history, vehicle history, phone number history, verification history, associates, crime data, and photos
 - c. Offenses convicted on, date of registration, verification anniversary dates
 - Probation and parole information and officers as well as victim details and offender MO – all offender data is searchable with partial field/keyword lookups
 - e. Special notification recipients (i.e. schools, day cares, victims, etc) and any safety buffers that may be in effect around your institutions (schools, day cares, etc)
 - f. All SORNA/Adam Walsh fields and capabilities are supported

Offender Management, Reporting and Verification:

- The OffenderWatch® sex offender database is available for whatever law enforcement related purposes the Jackson County Sheriff may have – including:
 - Investigative Purposes such as searching the database for offenders who meet certain offense, physical or other characteristics and then mapping these offenders
 - You may access and share data for searching and import/export purposes with your neighboring regional jurisdictions if all agencies agree
 - ✓ Agencies may register, map and monitor non-sex offenders in the OffenderWatch® database offenders such as gang members, arsonists, or career criminals, and choose to publish this data on the web page or not
 - Share with other authorized law enforcement agencies such as PD's, adjacent SO's, probation, prosecution, etc.
 - Printing reports or Offender Bulletins or maps of offender addresses in proximity to a crime scene or address, for example
 - Creating color coded maps of offenders convicted of user-supplied crimes who live or work within a given proximity of a reported crime
 - Selecting offenders who meet certain criteria and exporting the data to excel or a csv file or an XML file
- OffenderWatch® provides the means to manage the <u>offender address verification cycle</u>, with calendars, maps and verification forms. First, up to (5) separate verification types and cycles in days, for each type, for each offender, is entered when the offender is added (i.e. 'monthly drive-by', 'semi-annual', 'annual re-registration', etc.. Then, the user may display or print a forward looking list and calendar of offenders due for verification, providing the means to record the date the offender was verified and by whom, allowing the updating of the offenders records as required, and maintaining full history of the process. Calendars and verification schedules and maps can be printed by beat, district, responsible, officer or other subdivisions as desired.
- <u>Proximity Violations</u> OffenderWatch® automatically, at the time of initial address entry or update, measures the distance from the offenders address to the address of the "protected institutions" in your county with specific safety buffers –addresses of institutions such as schools, day cares, churches, libraries, etc. and alerts the registration officer if the proximity or safety buffer is violated. Mapping capability is provided to allow the user to display a map of the offenders showing their proximity to schools, day cares, libraries, parks, etc. Agencies may test any provided address at any time for an offender to verify if the address is outside of the safety buffers in your jurisdiction.

Section 2: OffenderWatch® Solution for Jackson County Sheriffs' Office: continued

Personalized Agency Community Web-Page for Information Dissemination:

The Jackson County Sheriffs' Office OffenderWatch® sex offender information will be made available to your citizens via a link you will place on your existing web site. Only the publishable information about the publishable offenders is published for citizen access. After clicking on the graphical link which accesses the OffenderWatch® sex offender web-site, the citizen may:

- search for a specific offender by location or name or partial name
- perform a <u>geographic risk assessment</u>, by entering an address (such as their home, school, day care) and display a list and a map of offenders within a user defined radius (.25 to 2miles) of the entered address
- Further, the user can then request and sign up for an email notification that will be made in
 the event an offender registers an address within the user defined of their registered address
 these registered addresses usually include their home, their work, their babysitters
 address, their school, their daycare, etc. The personalized, customizable email notification
 includes the Jackson County Sheriffs' Office banner and is from Sheriff Sharp himself. A
 sample email banner is shown on the next page.
- The citizen may also register to be notified by email if a SPECIFIC offender should move from his/her current address – this is known as offender-tracking
- The user may view the customized slide presentation that is included on the web page
 prepared for your office, designed to explain to the community the facts about sex offenders,
 how to run searches, how to interpret the results, and how to sign up for an email
 notification a sample community web page is http://www.sheriffalerts.com/fl/volusia

Optional Postal Notification Cards - these can be utilized if required and if you wish:

- As offender data is entered, OffenderWatch® determines the number of notification cards required for the user defined notification radius, and displays a mailing estimate of how many cards will be prepared.
- You may decide to send notification cards for all offenders, or only certain of the most dangerous predators, or according to any plan you decide to implement, at whatever radius you elect
- Notification cards carry your Jackson County Sheriffs' Office logo, and a personalized message and public service information from your sheriff, and full offender data, offense history, vehicles, etc. and photograph
- OffenderWatch® can select a wider notification radius (1 mile) for rural offenders and a smaller radius (.3 mile or X amt of feet) for urban offenders – the program and the malling radius is entirely user selectable.
- The Jackson County Sheriff emails or faxes the mailing authorization form to Watch Systems, who then prints and mails the notification cards. A copy of the notification card is sent to your office for record keeping and is maintained in the offenders file for electronic access. An archive database is maintained for 2 yrs with all mail data including each recipient.

Press Conference

- Watch Systems will assist your agency conduct a press conference with local radio/newspaper/TV, announcing the availability of the OffenderWatch® solution in the county with the citizen Search and Email notification systems – we have sample press releases and video footage available for review from around the county – this is always very enthusiastically received all across America
- Watch systems will supply a custom powerpoint "Flash" presentation for your use on your
 web site or elsewhere in your community relations programs highlighting the offender
 management law in your state and your proactive management and notification solution –
 an example can be found on our web site at http://www.sheriffalerts.com/sc/aiken

Sample Sheriffs banner that goes across the top of the web page that is linked to your web site for citizen access



SECTION 3: INVESTMENT for the Jackson County Sheriffs' Office

<u>Software: OffenderWatch® database, Website access and Geographic Searching and Mapping Services include Unlimited users, offenders and Email notifications</u>

10,000 per year, based on counties with population between 200,000 and 600,000- – includes user training, Help Desk support, maintenance, quarterly street updates, US postal address updates, and continuous software upgrades as they are made available. Also includes Watch Systems Help Desk telephone email support for both email registrants and offender addresses including repair where possible of unmappable addresses.

Total for 1st year is \$11,000 for OffenderWatch® which includes one time \$500/thousand for offender setup and conversion, plus \$500 one time for set up and conversion and testing of 'protected addresses' such as schools, day cares, parks churches and libraries with safety buffers. Subsequent years is \$10,000/yr

Investment Includes:

Enterprise OffenderWatch® software license with unlimited users
Hosting Facility for the database and web servers
Email Server and support for some customization of personalized emails from Sheriff
Mapping License with streets and points of interest for your zip codes of responsibility
Consulting and Computer-Based training - Help Desk Support via toll free line and email
Linking your data for read-only access and information sharing with other jurisdictions within your state
Electronic Access to your data for sharing with the state, other RMS systems, etc via our web service

Postal Notification Cards: Optional and may be utilized if desired and started anytime
Postage deposit required to open a mail account, this deposit will be based on your expected monthly
volume of mailings, but at least \$500. We will look at your expected volume and arrive together at an
appropriate deposit – Postal Notification Card mailings are provided at the rate of \$.44 each (US postage
rate – currently \$.44) including the address rental, printing, addressing, postage, handling, database
updates and maintenance – for each mailing there is a minimum of \$35, which equates to about 85 postal
cards. We bill you for the mailings/postage on a weekly basis. Since Watch Systems mails to high
quality US Postal addresses, we will get very few returns or bad addresses, saving you money and time.

Initial Data File Conversion/ownership of Offender data and Safety Buffer Data

Watch Systems will load the Initial registered offender data for your county into OffenderWatch®, map the fields and verify results. Your agency remains the owner of all offender data maintained by Watch Systems servers on your behalf. Also, if your agency will be using the Safety Buffer feature, we will, key and verify these "protected" addresses and make sure they are properly loaded and established in OffenderWatch®. Agency will provide addresses in a form we can readily work with. Protected addresses usually include institutions such schools, day cares, parks, and other addresses for which the law in your jurisdiction has established a safety buffer. Per published policy statements and guidelines, you may download initially, periodically or at agreement termination a full unrestricted copy of your offender data. Watch Systems holds your data securely and maintains full confidentiality of your offender data. The email subscriber contract embedded in the registration process governs the email registrant confidentiality.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Approx 30 Days from start of agreement

PAYMENT AND BILLING TERMS

We will involce you for your first year of service upon execution and payment is due before startup **TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

This is an automatically renewing services agreement that will renew on your anniversary unless cancelled in writing.

Additional authorized user (s) Agreed to accepted by Agreed to accepted by Jackson County Sheriffs' Office 3310 NE Rennau Dr Lees Summit, MO 64064-2129 816-524-4302, Fax 816-524-4340