

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-0065

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: January 28, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: January 29, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$551,839.39 from the Federal Forfeitures Trust Fund for the purchase of covert/specialized law enforcement equipment and specialized computer equipment, and a contribution of \$150,000.00 to First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. for the funding of the Sheriff's Gun Bounty Program, as initiated by B.T. 13-038.

Background Information: The appropriation breakdown includes the following covert/specialized law enforcement equipment and contribution:

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| • Armored Critical Incident Vehicle (JSO SWAT Unit) | \$324,000.00 |
| • Specialized equipment (GPS units and diving equipment/gear) (JSO Marine Unit) | \$24,859.44 |
| • Covert Investigative Equipment (Not subject to public disclosure) | \$11,116.00 |
| • Specialized Computer equipment (JSO Tactical Support Unit) | \$41,863.95 |
| • Contribution (First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc./Gun Bounty Program) | \$150,000.00 |

The Sheriff's Gun Bounty Program encourages people to turn in criminals with illegal guns. The program, run by First Coast Crime Stoppers, gives a \$1,000 reward to anyone who reports an illegal gun, if it leads to an arrest.

Policy Impact Area: Crime, First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc., Gun Bounty Program

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$551,839.39, as initiated by B.T. 20-038.

Analyst: Mitchell