



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

Lawrence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

DATE: November 22, 2024

SUBJECT: University of Kentucky, College of Medicine, Department of Toxicology and
Cancer Biology – Education Agreement

Request

Authorization to accept the attached Education Agreement with the University of Kentucky (UK), College of Medicine, Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology.

Why are you requesting?

The goal of this partnership with UK is to increase productivity with our unsolved cases utilizing our recent partnership with DNA Labs International. Our goal for the internship would be to bring in students from the university with educational experience within the forensic science and biology realm. Ideally, this would allow additional eyes to be placed on some of our unsolved cases per semester from the perspective of a scientist to collaborate with our Cold Case Detective(s) to determine which cases would benefit most from forensic DNA testing, and which specific items of evidence would yield the best results from this testing. At the end of each internship the students will present their findings to Command Staff level personnel with the hopes of sending their cases off to DNA Labs International for the testing. UK is also exploring funding options to assist the department in paying for the DNA testing resulting from the work of their student interns. We would like to start this Intern Program with the University of Kentucky on January 1, 2025, and shall be a continuous agreement, but will be reviewed annually. This agreement may be terminated by either party provided written notice is sent to the other party at least ninety (90) days prior to the proposed date of termination. The Lexington Police Department is requesting approval from the Urban County Council to authorize Mayor Linda Gorton to sign the attached agreement. Upon signing, please forward a copy to the Chief's Office.



What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? N/A

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

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Director/Commissioner: **Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief**
Lexington Police Department

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