Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton
Mayor

Kenneth Armstrong
Commissioner

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: August 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Magnet Forensics, LLC – Magnet AXIOM/Witness 2027 Quotation & Sole Source Certification

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Request
Authorization to re-establish Magnet Forensics, LLC as a sole source vendor and approval of purchase of Magnet AXIOM and Witness 2027.

Why are you requesting?
Magnet AXIOM is a digital investigative platform that is the industry standard for recovering digital evidence from smartphones, computers, external storage devices and the Cloud among law enforcement agencies. This pricing is bundled with Magnet Witness (previously known as DVR Examiner). Magnet Witness allows byte level analysis of video surveillance systems. The software allows the examination of video surveillance that is not able to be done with traditional means. The LPD has used these devices for many years and the results are accepted by the local court system. No other products have been found to provide better results for a lower cost.

We are requesting approval from the Urban County Council and Mayor Gorton in regards to re-establishing Magnet Forensics, LLC as a sole source vendor, and authorize purchase of Magnet Forensics Software (Magnet AXIOM/Witness 2027).

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? $26,320

Are the funds budgeted? 1101-505506-5561-76102

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

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