



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**June 6, 2023**

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**TOPIC:** Thomson Reuters CLEAR for Law Enforcement Plus Subscription

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Approve Agreement with Thomson Reuters (West Publishing), in the Amount of \$145,172, for Online Investigative and Public Records Resources Subscription Services (General Fund and Non-General Fund)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize the City Manager to execute a three-year agreement with Thomson Reuters (West Publishing) to provide online investigative and public records resources subscription services, in an amount not to exceed \$145,172, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 31, 2026, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

**DISCUSSION**

The Police Department currently has a monthly subscription agreement with Thomson Reuters to access their CLEAR online public records platform services provided by West Publishing Corporation. Thomson Reuters' CLEAR public records resource is an advanced investigative tool designed to help law enforcement personnel clear cases faster and more efficiently. CLEAR for Law Enforcement Plus offers an unparalleled collection of public and proprietary records combined with specialized Dashboard Tools. By combining real-time gateway data with CLEAR Dashboard Tools to interact with key report details, personnel can locate individuals, identify assets, and find key connections to ensure Police Department staff is able to capture substantial information related to their investigations.

The existing subscription allows up to 400 users to access the platform and is scheduled to terminate within the next few months. Police Department staff requests approval of a new three-year agreement with Thomson Reuters to avoid a lapse in crucial investigative services performed by law enforcement personnel. Additionally, staff would like to add the License Plate Recognition commercial data gateway through CLEAR. This will provide access to more than 14 billion images of vehicles and license

plates from nationwide network sources, including date/time and geo-coordinated information for enhanced analytics and to quickly advance investigations.

Thomson Reuters is one of the industry’s leaders in providing similar services and has proven advantageous to the Police Department in their investigations. While there may be other vendors who can provide elements of the data and public records, Thomson Reuters provides a convenient, single platform solution for effective investigations, and staff are already trained and familiar with how to utilize the platform.

The existing subscription service agreement will be terminated upon approval of this new subscription service.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding is available in the FY 2023-24 budget and funding for subsequent fiscal years will be included in the proposed budgets for City Council consideration as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Accounting Unit - Account No.</b>	<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Accounting Unit – Account No. Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FY 23-24	01114425-66511	General Fund	Information Services, Computer Software Subscription	\$ 30,000
FY 23-24	12814407-66511	Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund	SLESA, Computer Software Subscription	\$ 16,968
FY 24-25	01114425-66511	General Fund	Information Services, Computer Software Subscription	\$ 30,000
FY 24-25	12814407-66511	Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund	SLESA, Computer Software Subscription	\$ 18,376
FY 25-26	01114425-66511	General Fund	Information Services, Computer Software Subscription	\$ 30,000
FY 25-26	12814407-66511	Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund	SLESA, Computer Software Subscription	\$ 19,828
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$145,172</b>

The Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account is an eligible funding source for this subscription agreement as this is for frontline municipal police services, but may be subject to approval in future fiscal years.

**EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Agreement with Thomson Reuters

Submitted By: David Valentin, Police Chief

Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager