



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

File #: 12-170, **Version:** 1

- a. Accept the donation of a 2010 Polaris Four Wheel Drive vehicle (“Polaris”) from Miller’s Towing, located in King City; and
- b. Authorize the Sheriff’s Office to use the vehicle for the County’s Marijuana Eradication Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The vehicle is a 2010 Polaris four wheel drive vehicle, Vehicle Identification Number 4XATY76A4A4903722 and currently has 559 miles. The estimated value of the vehicle is between \$2,500 and \$3,500.

The Polaris was evidence from a marijuana grow site and was impounded at the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office on August 27, 2011, reference case number 05495-11. Once the vehicle was no longer needed as evidence, it was delivered to Miller’s Towing on December 16, 2011 for vehicle storage. Miller’s Towing is a contract vendor providing towing and storage facilities for the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office. Miller’s Towing began the lien sale process on January 4, 2012. Miller’s Towing completed the required Department of Motor Vehicle lien forms in an attempt to notify the registered owner. The registered owner did not respond. Miller’s Towing has indicated a preference that the Polaris put to use by a law enforcement agency. Attached is Miller’s Towing’s donation letter.

The Polaris will be used by the County of Monterey, Marijuana Eradication Team (COMMET) in its efforts to eradicate out door marijuana gardens in Monterey County. California Government Code section 25355 and 25356 provides authority for the Board of Supervisors to accept the donation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrative Office and County Counsel have reviewed this report.

FINANCING:

Approval of the recommended action will have no significant impact on the County General Fund Contribution.

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Approved by: Scott Miller, Sheriff-Coroner

Attachments: Attachment “A”