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**TO:** PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**FROM:** KENT VOLKMER, PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

**SUBJECT:** PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REQUEST FOR USE OF RICO FUNDS

**DATE:** MAY 25, 2022

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The Pinal County Attorney respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors approve an application for use of up to \$25,000 for law enforcement use for data analysis software and a catalytic converter trafficking prevention program.

In accordance with statutory changes made to A.R.S. 13-2314.03 (County anti-racketeering revolving fund; use of fund), when the County Attorney desires to use monies from the anti-racketeering fund for purposes related to the county attorney's office, the statute requires an application that includes a description of what the requested monies will be used for be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. In turn, the Board of Supervisors shall approve the County Attorney's use of the monies if the purpose is authorized by statute or federal law.

The above requested expenses comply with the U.S. Department of Justice Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies as permissible uses of forfeited assets include law enforcement equipment used in racketeering investigations and prevention programs to aid in the reduction of racketeering crimes.

Due to Pinal County law enforcement agencies requesting downloads of cellphones, tablets, laptops and computers used by criminal offenders, the Investigations Bureau is in need of additional data analysis software for the efficient analysis of large volumes of data gathered during criminal investigations. By approving this application, the Investigations Bureau can continue to assist Pinal County agencies in the investigations of violent crimes, drug trafficking organizations, prostitution, child sex trafficking organizations, money laundering and various other crimes.

In addition, a local vendor has agreed to partner with the Casa Grande Police Department to apply high-temp paint and VIN etching to catalytic converters of dozens of participating vehicles to minimize the large numbers of catalytic converters being stolen and trafficked to scrap metals buyers.

As this request fits squarely within the guidelines as a permissible use of funds, I am requesting the use of up to \$25,000 from the Pinal County Attorney's anti-racketeering funds for the above projects.