

Program Narrative for the Cybercrime Initiative Project

Over the past several months, a member of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office has been called upon to acquire digital video and audio from a variety of electronic and digital systems. In keeping with the law enforcement purpose area under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program and the Attorney General's priorities of cybercrime enforcement, this funding will be used to support cybercrime and computer crime operations for conducting forensic examinations of electronic and digital systems. Examinations will be conducted both in the field and in the office to provide the necessary information to the case agent to assist in his or her investigation. As more sophisticated computer and cellular equipment enter the marketplace with the ability to store larger amounts of data and other information, identified suspects will store files on their equipment thus placing a heavy burden on the storage capacity of the Computer Crimes Unit's forensic devices. Also with our society becoming more mobile, these devices are now being linked to virtually every reported crime. This is especially true for children who are being given access to mobile devices which may place them in situations where they are vulnerable to victimization. With the advance of these information technologies, law enforcement must be able to effectively process and analyze large amounts of digital information more efficiently. The equipment purchased with this funding will support the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Computer Crimes Unit's initiatives to effectively attain vital information therefore leading to the successful resolution of criminal cases.