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Pullman Police Awarded Federal Grant

PULLMAN – The Pullman Police Department (PD) has received notification that we have been awarded a Federal Department of Justice grant in the amount of \$300,000. The “Smart Policing Initiative” (SPI) grant program seeks to build upon data-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime within their jurisdictions. Pullman PD’s grant will address violent crimes and neighborhood disorders through the use of video cameras placed at public locations where we experience a high frequency of those types of incidents. In addition to capturing and storing video for investigative use, we hope to include the ability to send live video feeds to the police station, police cars, and possibly portable devices, making our response to crimes and disturbances more efficient and effective.

A grant requirement is to enlist a local research partner from the accredited criminal justice educational community. The Washington State Institute for Criminal Justice at Washington State University (WSU), in partnership with the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology is a sub-grantee and WSU faculty and staff will work with us in areas of program implementation, crime analysis, statistics, and performance measures.

Once potential camera locations have been identified, Pullman Police will solicit community input to develop policies and procedures to address personal privacy concerns. Pullman Police is one of twelve SPI grant recipients nationwide and the grant award is the maximum amount available for an agency our size. No matching funds are required. The grant project period is two years.

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