

# NEWS

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## **Ovitt Supports New Live Scan Equipment Purchase for Sheriffs Department**

San Bernardino – 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Gary Ovitt voted to support funding for the purchase of 9 Live Scan workstations for fingerprinting operations throughout the County. Each year, CAL-ID replaces older Live Scan devices in order to provide good customer service to law enforcement agencies. Most live scan devices have a five-year “end of life” period. Seven workstations will be added to the existing 61 stations countywide, and two devices will replace existing workstations that have exceeded the “end of life” period.

“It is vital that San Bernardino County Law Enforcement be equipped with the latest technology to help combat crime, to protect the citizens of this county, and to help expedite the incarceration of those who have committed crimes,” stated Ovitt. “Technology plays a vital role in helping our law enforcement officers do their best to ensure our public safety.”

The new systems can capture fingerprint data, while maintaining connectivity with the Identix Live Scan infrastructure that is currently in place. In November 2004, the California voters approved Proposition 69, which requires certain individuals to submit DNA samples. The DNA samples are placed into the FBI Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). This new law requires law enforcement agencies to submit fingerprint and palm print records electronically to CAL-ID and the California Department of Justice.

“The County Probation Department and other law enforcement agencies are currently sending fingerprints by index card to CAL-ID and the Department of Justice. The purchase of this new equipment will help them to capture prints electronically and expedite the process of identifying criminal suspects,” stated Ovitt.

For more information on the implementation of this technology, please contact (909)-387-4866.