



To: Budget Committee/Blount County Commission
From: Angelie Shankle, Finance Manager Sheriff's Office
CC: Fin. Dir. Brian Baldwin, Mayor Ed Mitchell
Date: 9/30/2022
Re: Use of Sex Offender Registry reserve account funds for cameras at high schools

Budget Committee Members and Commissioners,

With the Flock cameras you have allowed us to install, (in conjunction with those utilized by the cities of Alcoa and Maryville) over the last two years, we have been able to utilize them in many investigations. In addition, we have received many alerts, making us aware of various criminals in our area. One area of vulnerability that we still have, however, is around our schools. We would like to utilize a small portion of our "Sex Offender Registry reserve funds", to install a Flock (LPR-license plate reader) camera at each of our county high schools.

These will be beneficial as they will alert us of not only any sex offenders that are loitering in the restricted area, but of *any* criminals around the schools. This will also allow us to add to our already existing network of cameras that the County and the cities of Alcoa and Maryville have installed throughout Blount County. The recurring monitoring costs can continue to be deducted from the reserve annually for these two cameras.

Thank you,
Angelie Shankle