

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

April 28, 2021

Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Kay Granger
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for Rapid DNA instruments for the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chief Deputy, K.W. Sarvis, 3950 Juvenile Center Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

The funding would be used to purchase a Rapid DNA instrument to help bolster law enforcement efficiency, improve community outcomes, and build a new crime lab. The instrument allows deputies to process DNA samples themselves with minimal training. These samples are processed quickly and can generate investigative leads in 90 minutes, as opposed to the many months (or years) it can take at the crime lab. They intend to follow the guidance published by the FBI for Rapid DNA in law enforcement contexts.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress