

**MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT****MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

**FROM:** Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** City Council Agenda Item for August 16, 2012 – Interview Room Video Recording

**DATE:** August 1, 2012

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**INTRODUCTION:**

The Police Department would like city council permission to purchase a new interview room audio/video recording system from Racom out of Marshalltown, IA

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2006, The Muscatine County Attorney issued a memorandum requesting all law enforcement agencies in Muscatine County install hardware for the purpose of video and audio recording interviews and interrogations. The Iowa Supreme Court's decision in *State v. Hajtic* created this issue by strongly recommending the use of video and audio recordings.

During the budget process for the FY 2012/13 budget, City Council approved \$7000.00 for this project.

Racom, Communication Engineering Co., and Lucas Communications submitted quotes for this project. Racom was the low bid for this project at \$6,978.73. Lucas Communications submitted a quote at \$7,244.80 but was not able to meet all the specifications of this project.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

We are recommending/requesting that City Council approve this project and that we move forward with a purchase order to Racom.