



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of April 21, 2007**

REVISED REPORT

DATE: ~~March 30, 2007~~ April 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Agreement between the Arlington County Government and retired Arlington Police Officer Ted Robinson

REVISION EXPLANATION: The amendment to the agreement has been expanded to allow Mr. Robinson future access to the materials under the same terms and conditions. .

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the County Manager to sign the attached Amendment to the Agreement between the Arlington County Government and Mr. Ted Robinson, and to further amend the Agreement to allow the use of similar police photographs on the same terms and conditions in the future.

ISSUE: Should the Arlington County Government expand the existing agreement with Ted Robinson, allowing Mr. Robinson to reproduce and publish additional photographs obtained by the Arlington Police Department. These photographs may only be used for training and educational purposes.

SUMMARY: Mr. Robinson signed a contract with Academic Press to publish a textbook, titled, *Crime Scene Photography, Evolving from Film to Digital*. In June 2005, the County Board approved an agreement authorizing Mr. Robinson to use twenty-five photographs taken by members of the Arlington County Police Department in his book. Since that time, Mr. Robinson has identified another 74 photographs which he would like to include in his book. Since Arlington County owns the copyright for these photographs, the Amendment to Agreement is necessary for Mr. Robinson to be able to use them in his book.

BACKGROUND: Ted Robinson was a police officer with the Arlington County Police Department from 1971 through 1996. Mr. Robinson retired as a Master Police Officer. In 1990, Officer Robinson, wrote the Police Department's Photography Training Manual for Police

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: M. Douglas Scott, Chief of Police

Agents. Officer Robinson was one of the Police Department's lead instructor's in crime scene photography and taught in several Advanced Evidence Collection Schools. Mr. Robinson is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Forensic Science at George Washington University.

DISCUSSION: The Police Department has reviewed the photographs. It does not appear that any of the photographs have any correlation to pending investigations. Some of the photographs depict victims of various crimes although none of the victims are identifiable. Chief Scott supports Mr. Robinson's endeavor to educate and train for the future.

FISCAL IMPACT: None