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Subject: The Computer Crime Institute at Dixie State University provides an invaluable service to the Washington County Attorney's office. The Computer Crime Institute has assisted our office and many other Utah Law Enforcement departments with the recovery of critical cell phone evidence that has been instrumental in the charging or prosecuting of criminal activities.

Likewise, in view of the Computer Crime Institute's ability to recover cell phone evidence my office has seen a change in the way officers approach investigations. Previously cell phone evidence was viewed primarily as supporting evidence, or evidence used to further an investigation. Now the Computer Crime Institute has changed the way officers are viewing cell phone evidence. Cell phone evidence is no longer being viewed merely as an investigative tool, but as a critical piece of evidence that supports convictions. This change of thought is timely as cell phones are involved with almost all criminal activity in one way or another and have become exclusively a criminal's only form of communication.

Likewise, the Computer Crime Institute has allowed valuable evidence to be extracted from cell phones that were previously believed to be unobtainable. Evidence that was contained on a password or security protected cell phones. With the advanced techniques developed by the Computer Crime Institute said evidence is now successfully recovered.

The Dixie State University Computer Crime Institute cell phone forensic lab is an asset to the Washington County Attorney's Office and tremendous asset for all Utah law enforcement departments. I endorse State support for the Computer Crime Institute program.