

**RESOLUTION NO. 1134 -2013, AUTHORIZING THE
TRANSFER OF PHONE DEBIT CARD FUNDS FROM THE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRISONERS' COMMISSARY ACCOUNT
TO THE INTERDEPARTMENT OPERATION AND SERVICE
FUND**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Suffolk County provides inmate telephone service through a third party that pays a monthly commission to the Interdepartment Operation and Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, the commission paid to the County is based partly on the number of phone calls made by inmates; and

WHEREAS, because of a drop in the inmate population at the Sheriff's Correctional Facilities said commissions had begun to be diminished in value resulting in less revenue being received by the Suffolk County Interdepartment Operation and Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office at the recommendation and in cooperation with the contract vendor, Securus Technologies, started a pilot program to allow inmates to purchase phone time directly, utilizing the Sheriff's Commissary unit, in an effort to compensate for the drop in inmate population and its resulting negative impact on the amount of phone commissions received by the County Interdepartment Operation and Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has since determined that the pilot program has been successful in compensating for the drop in revenues that resulted from the drop in inmate population at the Sheriff's facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office program to allow direct purchase phone time by inmates has actually resulted in a 3% increase in revenues collected for the period of January 2013 thru June 2013 versus the comparable period in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has collected \$148,202 in additional phone revenue since the pilot program started in December of 2012; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the County Comptroller and County Treasurer be and they hereby are authorized to accept said funds as follows:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Sheriff's Commissary Fund Account	\$148,202
<u>TO REVENUE ACCOUNT:</u>	
016-ITS-1651-2456 - Commission Telephones	\$148,202
TRANSFER TO - Interdepartment Operation and Service Fund	\$148,202

and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that as of the August 2013 Commission period, the revenue received as part of the debit calling program will be added to the commissions received directly by the County from the contract vendor, Securus Technologies as part of their normal commission payment to the Interdepartment Operation and Service Fund; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, this Legislature, being the lead agency under SEQRA and Chapter 279 of the Suffolk County Code, thereby determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action.

DATED: December 3, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 19, 2013