MERLIN project briefing

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The department has identified three essential components to the Merlin rollout below:

MERLIN 2002-2009	2009 Vehicle Module
MERLIN 2011	Fiscal Module
MERLIN 2020	Drivers Modernization
Grand total of tracked expenses	$47,616,883

As shown above, the department is reflecting $47,616,883 as the tracked cost for the MERLIN project. This figure is **not reflective** of the total cost of the system at the time of release or as it stands today.

As of January 2021, costs of contractors and MVD/JITSD MERLIN support staff was over $300,000 monthly for maintaining and fixing MERLIN. MERLIN did not deliver the operational abilities as promised. The development code was outdated, and DOJ had no way to support it internally or externally. With that in mind, MVD made a thoughtful and fiscally responsible decision to discontinue development of MERLIN. MERLIN had continued system failures and was at risk of complete failure at the estimated cost of $3.6 million per year. With that, all contract developers were eliminated by June 30, 2021.