



City of Cambridge

Agenda # 4

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 13, 1995

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner with the view in mind of adding to the written policy of sexual attacks the following provisions:

- all officers be notified of these specific attacks
- list of media contacts and how they will be notified
- Police Department will do a mailing or other type of notification of the residents of the area in addition to any neighborhood groups
- City Council will be notified.

In City Council February 13, 1995.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

D. Margaret Drury,
City Clerk

C. Gollucci

Robert Ayala
Order

Ordered:

~~That~~ That the City Manager confer with Police Commissioner with the view in mind of adding to the written policy the following provisions:

- all officers to be notified of these ^{specific} attacks
- ^{specify} listing of media contacts & how they will be notified
- Police Department will do a mailing or other type of notification of the residents of the area ~~if there are no organized neighborhood groups in the area~~ In addition to any neighborhood groups
- City Council be notified

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Police Commissioner

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

February 6, 1995

Walter Boyle
Superintendent

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
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Harold Murphy
Superintendent

Subject: City Council Order # 26, dated 1/30/95

David Degou
Deputy Superintendent

Enclosed is the new policy of the Cambridge Police Department, effective February 6, 1995, regarding the release of information on sexual assault incidents.

Michael Giacoppo
Deputy Superintendent

In order to prevent future attacks of this nature, the Police Department will continue specialized patrols in identified areas, will continue to communicate and interact with the Women's Commission, and will continue working with the neighborhood crime watches throughout the City.

Yvonne Hall
Deputy Superintendent

Gloria Pimentel
Deputy Superintendent

Lt. Thomas O'Connor
Quality Control Detail

Perry L. Anderson, Jr.
Police Commissioner

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Perry L. Anderson, Jr.
Police Commissioner

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

TO: All Commanding Officers

DATE: February 6, 1995

FROM: Perry L. Anderson, Jr. SUBJECT: General Order # 1
Police Commissioner Series of 1995

REF. Policy on the Release
of Information on
Sexual Assault Incidents

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In order to alert the public to sexual assault offenses within the city's neighborhoods, certain factual information will be released to the public. This information will not compromise the confidentiality of the victim or the investigation in accordance with the mandates of Chapter 41, Section 97D, M.G.L. (Rape Shield Law). Adequate knowledge of an offense will prevent rumors which foster a decreased sense of safety in the community. Some incidents which are initially reported as sexual assaults result in being classified as a different type of crime or no crime at all. In order to prevent undue concern in the community, only confirmed incident information will be disseminated.

1. The supervisor (or designee) of the Sexual Assault Unit will be responsible for the following immediate notifications which will be made in the event of a confirmed "stranger" rape incident:

a. Public Information Unit

The Public Information Officer will be notified of the commencement of the sexual assault unit investigation. The P.I.O. will be responsible for effecting timely notification to the media with an emphasis on both our local newspapers and weekly cable television police show.

b. Community Relations Unit

The Community Relations supervisor will make timely notifications to the appropriate organized community group(s) and/or responsible neighborhood representative(s).



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c. Commission of Women

The City of Cambridge's Commission of Women's Rights (349-4697) is our partner in the Cambridge Area Rape Alliance (C.A.R.A.). The Women's Commission can also effect appropriate community notification which will augment the aforementioned distribution mechanisms.

2. The supervisor (or designee) of the Sexual Assault unit will decide which details will be released for public awareness. At a minimum, the following information will be provided as soon as practical:
 - a. The "Neighborhood" location where the incident occurs, i.e. "The upper area of Neighborhood # 10".
 - b. The date and time of the incident.
 - c. Information concerning the description of any suspect(s).
 - d. Details of suspect methods used that would not compromise the investigation.
 - e. The name of the investigator(s) who is assigned to the case.
 - f. Continuous status/update will be provided to P.I.O., C.R.U. and the Women's Commission.
 - g. All notifications will be made orally.

This Order will take effect upon receipt and promulgated by Commanding Officers at Eight Roll Calls.



Perry L. Anderson, Jr.
Police Commissioner

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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February 13, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 31, regarding how the Police Department provides the public with information on sexual attacks, received from Police Commissioner Perry L. Anderson.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda # 4

5-58
Response to Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-
One regarding how the Police Department
provides the public with information on
sexual attacks.

*for original see Order
26 of Jan 30, 1995.*

In City Council,

February 13, 1995

*Report referred back to
City Manager on motion
of Councilor Galluccio.*

Order adopted.

2/14/95 copy sent to City Manager