



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager

FROM: Commissioner Perry Anderson

DATE: June 21, 1991

REFERENCE:

SUBJECT: City Council Order #2 of 6/10/91

In response to City Council Order #2 of 6/10/91 regarding violent crimes in Cambridge, for the first five months of calendar year 1991, a total of 424 violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery, and assault) have been recorded in Cambridge. This is a 0.9% increase when compared with the 420 crimes recorded in the same period of 1990.

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>Change</u>
Murder	3	3	N/C
Rape	9	16	+ 77.8 %
Robbery	191	154	- 19.4 %
Assault	217	251	+ 15.7 %

The current on-going reorganization of the Police Department will provide, when completed, approximately 21% more police officers on the street and visible to the public on a daily basis. This translates to 19 more police officers, in uniform, working the street, on a daily basis.



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 1991

COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: On the basis of reliable information and belief, it is reported that on or about May 23, 1991, between 6 and 6:30 in the morning, while walking along Buckingham Street, Cambridge, Father Boles, Pastor of St. Paul's Church and presently residing at St. Peter's Rectory, was viciously assaulted by a male individual who inflicted facial injuries which required a large number of stitches; and

WHEREAS: This act of violence occurred within a block from the site of the recent and still unsolved murder of the late Professor Mary Joe Frug; and

WHEREAS: Once and for all, this additional act of raw violence underscores the need for more foot patrol officers on Cambridge Streets at all hours; and

WHEREAS: Too many are too willing to be blind to acts of violence until the violence literally hits home; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to take immediate steps to assure residents in every Cambridge neighborhood that they can walk the streets at any and every hour in safety without fear and risk of assault and, yes, being killed, especially by deployment of more foot patrol personnel and, if need be, as is done by the MDC Police, including the pedal power of bicycles as a supplementary means of patrol; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Commissioner assure Cambridge residents that there will be full accountability from the Police Department so that all crimes, especially violent crimes, such as that which prompts this order, are made known and not swept under the rug of secrecy for whatever be the alleged reason; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council on this matter no later than June 24, 1991.

In City Council June 10, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

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August 7, 1991
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
July 29, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 38, regarding violent crimes in Cambridge, please find attached a response from Police Commissioner Perry Anderson, relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM # 5 *S-893*

Awaiting Report Item # 38 regarding
violent crimes in Cambridge.

In City Council,

August 7, 1991

Placed on file