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Re: Council Order # 3

Sir:

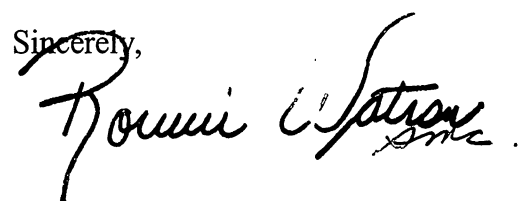
I am writing in response to Council Order # 3 regarding the report on increased crime in the Mt. Auburn/Haggerty School community and on holding meetings with the community on this matter.

Due to the increase in activity in the Strawberry Hill area of the City, we have been in discussion with different community members. In the past two months, there have been several reports of break-ins to homes, as well as vandalism to property and vehicles. As a result of these reports, increased visibility and directed patrols have been in place. Two meetings with area representatives have taken place. The first was with the Tenant Council of Corcoran Park on December 17, 2002. In addition, a second meeting took place on December 18, 2002 with residents of Thingvalla Avenue. Sergeant Stephen Ahern is the neighborhood Sergeant who facilitated both meetings. During these meetings, a consensus was agreed to conduct a meeting after the holidays, as attendance was minimal. The meeting has yet to be scheduled at this time. We anticipate that a meeting will be held in the upcoming weeks.

As a result of these meetings, enhanced communication within the community has been established. Therefore, we believe that improving relationships and encouragement for reporting crimes will assist in reducing the activity. Enforcement efforts will continue in this area. The Bicycle Patrol Unit will be giving the area high priority during their work shifts. In addition, undercover officers will be deployed during certain periods so that observation can take place of any illegal activity. Marked units will still be utilized.

Please feel free to call me if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronnie Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "R" and a stylized "W". Below the name, there is a small, handwritten "Sinc." followed by a period.

Ronnie Watson
Police Commissioner



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Robert W. Healy, City Manager

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January 13, 2003

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-118, regarding a report on increasing crime in the Mt. Auburn/Haggerty School community and on holding community meetings on this matter, received from Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

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Consent Agenda #5

Awaiting Report Item
Number 02-118, regarding a
report on increasing crime in
the Mt. Auburn/Haggerty
School community and on
holding community meetings
on this matter.

In City Council January 13, 2003

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