



City of Cambridge

13.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 19, 1992

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR CYR
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR WOLF

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Police Commissioner with the view in mind of preparing home rule legislation or an amendment(s) to the Municipal Code empowering police officers to revoke firearms permits and seize weapons from individuals under restraining orders in cases of domestic violence.

In City Council October 19, 1992.
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

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Consent

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Lawmakers try to block loopholes

Domestic Violence Deaths in the Bay State



In 1990: 1 every **22** days

A horizontal timeline with a vertical line at the start and a tick mark at the end, with 21 small intervals between them, representing 22 days.

In 1991: 1 every **16** days

A horizontal timeline with a vertical line at the start and a tick mark at the end, with 15 small intervals between them, representing 16 days.

April 1992: 1 every **9** days

A horizontal timeline with a vertical line at the start and a tick mark at the end, with 8 small intervals between them, representing 9 days.

Sept., 1992: 1 every **5** days

A horizontal timeline with a vertical line at the start and a tick mark at the end, with 4 small intervals between them, representing 5 days.

Source: Women's Legislative Caucus

Staff graphic/Michael Bertrand

Massachusetts legislators have grappled all year with the problem of domestic violence, attempting to patch up a legal system shot through with loopholes.

Among the biggest efforts to date have been the anti-stalking law, signed in May and effective immediately, and the domestic-violence registry bill, enacted in September.

The stalking law makes "willful, malicious, repeated following or harassing," coupled with threats against a victim, into a felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and \$1,000 in fines.

The domestic-violence registry bill compels the commonwealth to create a statewide computer registry of restraining orders and criminal viola-

tions, and requires judges to consult it when dealing with any domestic situation.

Also pending are:

- The Legislature last week enacted a bail-reform bill, awaiting Gov. William Weld's signature, that would allow judges setting bail amounts to consider the possibility that a released defendant might be dangerous.

- Pending in the Legislature and the Boston City Council are parallel bills empowering police to revoke firearms permits and seize weapons from individuals under restraining orders.

- Also under consideration in the Legislature, expanding the definition of "dangerous weapon" to include fists, feet and knees. □

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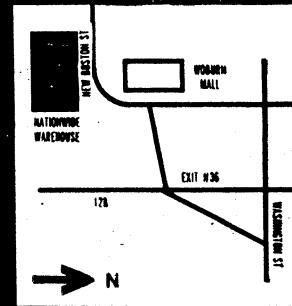
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CONSENT ORDER #13

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Councillor Toomey re: Measures concerning
domestic violence.

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Order Adopted