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subject: City Council Order #77, dated 7/27/98

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Sir:

Yvonne M. Hall
Deputy Superintendent

Until recently, the Police Department responded to felony crime scenes by dispatching a uniformed officer to conduct a preliminary investigation and to complete a report. The preliminary investigation generally required that the officer make an assessment as to whether an evidence technician should be dispatched in order to attempt to locate and preserve latent fingerprints. The detectives would respond the following day to reassess the crime scene and conduct a follow-up.

Thomas F. O'Connor
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Beginning October 4th, a new procedure was implemented whereby a dedicated detective responds to the scene of all residential and commercial breaks. This procedure adds the expertise of a detective to improve the crime scene assessment and reduce any inconvenience to the victim. All detectives are trained in fingerprint recovery and processing. An evidence technician is also available, if needed.

Lieutenant Steven Williams
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In Brookline, when there is a break into a motor vehicle, the responding officer makes an on-scene evaluation to determine whether the car should be processed for fingerprints. A qualified officer is then dispatched to process the car. When there is a break report, a detective is assigned to respond to the scene. The detective makes the determination whether or not the scene is to be processed for fingerprints.

for Ronnie Watson
Police Commissioner

Dep. Supt. Thomas O'Connor

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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November 16, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 6, regarding a report on establishing a full fingerprinting capacity within the Police Department, received from Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #5

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Relative to AW #6, regarding
a report on establishing a
full fingerprinting capacity
within the Police Department.

In City Council November 16, 1998

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