

On the Motion of Ms. Reece, seconded by Ms. Anichaus
the following resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER J038-24

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR HAMILTON COUNTY OHIO

BY THE BOARD:

WHEREAS, This Child Abuse and Neglect Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MOU) addresses child abuse and neglect as required by sections 2151.4220, 2151.4221, 2151.4222, 2151.4223, 2151.4225, 2151.4226, 2151.4228, 2151.4229, 2151.4230, 2151.4231, 2151.4232, 2151.4233, and 2151.4234 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and section 5101:2-33-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC); and

WHEREAS, This MOU sets forth the normal operating procedure employed by officials in the execution of their respective responsibilities with respect to the following sections of the ORC & OAC:

1. ORC 2151.421: Reporting of child abuse and neglect; investigation; memorandum of understanding
2. ORC 2919.22 (B)(1): Endangering children
3. ORC 2919.23 (B): Interference with custody, and
4. ORC 2919.24: Contributing to unruliness or delinquency of a child.
5. OAC 5101-2-33-21 (G) 6 & 15 Sharing of information with Multidisciplinary Teams and Child Advocacy Centers.; and

WHEREAS, This MOU identifies procedures for collaborative service provisions needed to ensure child safety, permanency, and well-being, and the minimum requirements of screening, assessment/investigation, and service planning, to meet mandates included in children services legislation passed by the 134th Ohio General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, This MOU is an agreement between Hamilton County Job and Family Services (HCJFS), mandated subscribers, and community partners delineating roles and responsibilities for referring, reporting, investigating, and prosecuting child abuse and neglect cases; and

WHEREAS, The required participants of the MOU are as follows:

1. Hamilton County Juvenile Court
2. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
3. All chief municipal police departments within the county
4. Other law enforcement agencies potentially handling child abuse and neglect cases in Hamilton County
5. The Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office
6. The City of Cincinnati Solicitor's Office
7. The county humane society - Cincinnati Animal CARE

- 8. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center – Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children
- 9. Hamilton County Job and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services requires approval by the Board of Commissioners, Hamilton County Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the MOU will commence on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office has reviewed and approved this agreement as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio authorizes the County Administrator to execute the Child Abuse and Neglect MOU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to certify copies of this resolution to Jeff Aluotto, County Administrator, and Michael Patton, HCJFS Director.

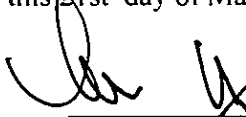
ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 21st day of March 2024.

Ms. Reece Yes Ms. Driehaus Yes Ms. Summerow Dumas Yes

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 21st day of March 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 21st day of March 2024.



 Leslie Herve, Clerk
 Board of County Commissioners
 Hamilton County, Ohio

**CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING**

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

JFS

**HAMILTON COUNTY
JOB & FAMILY SERVICES**

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Overview

Authority

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Purpose and Goals

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The goals of the MOU are as follows:

- To conduct comprehensive and coordinated assessments/investigations of suspected child abuse and neglect.
- To eliminate all unnecessary interviews of children who are the subject of a report of suspected child abuse or neglect.
- To provide, when feasible, for only one interview of a child who is the subject of a report of suspected child abuse or neglect.

The intent of the interview of the child is to gather sufficient information to use in criminal prosecution as warranted; to identify safety threats to the child; to determine any service needs of the family; and implement a least restrictive plan of safety for the child whenever possible.

Required Participants

The prepared memorandum of understanding shall be signed by representatives from all of the following required agencies:

- Hamilton County Juvenile Court
- The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

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- The Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office
- The City of Cincinnati Solicitor's Office
- The county humane society – Cincinnati Animal CARE
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center – Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children
- Hamilton County Job and Family Services

If any individual serving as the designated signatory for a required participant of this rule changes, an amendment of the memorandum is required, with the signature of the new designee.

Roles and Responsibilities of Each Participating Agency

Hamilton County Juvenile Court

The juvenile court has exclusive jurisdiction to hear and decide cases concerning any child who is the subject of a complaint alleging abuse, neglect or dependency pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter (ORC) 2151 and delinquency pursuant to ORC 2152. The juvenile court provides for the care, protection, health, safety, and mental as well as physical development of children. The juvenile court must ensure that due process of law is achieved; hear evidence and issue findings of fact and conclusions of law as to any abused, neglected, or dependent child; Order timely and safe permanency dispositions for children; preserve the family environment whenever possible while keeping the child(ren)'s health and safety paramount.

The Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over adults to hear and decide matters related to endangering of children, interference with custody, failing to send children to school, custody/visitation between unmarried parents or interested third parties, and contributing to the unruliness or delinquency of children.

Roles and Responsibilities of Each Participating Agency

Hamilton County Sheriff & Cincinnati Police Department

Municipal Law Enforcement

The Criminal Investigation Section of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is charged with the responsibility for initial investigation and follow-up investigation of suspected cases of child abuse and neglect occurring in the unincorporated areas of Hamilton County. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigation Section will also assist agencies within Hamilton County upon request of said agency.

The Personal Crimes Unit (PCU) of the Cincinnati Police Department is charged with the responsibility for the investigations of suspected cases of child abuse and neglect occurring within the City of Cincinnati.

All Other Police Department Divisions

For cases in incorporated areas within Hamilton County, that police jurisdiction will assist agencies within Hamilton County upon request of said agency.

Prosecutor's Office

Criminal Division

The Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office Criminal Division will review cases for possible criminal prosecution in the appropriate Court of Hamilton County.

Family Law Division

The Family Law Division, a unit within the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, represents HCJFS regarding child abuse, neglect and dependency cases filed in Hamilton County Juvenile Court. Assistant prosecutors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to consult with HCJFS about initiating legal proceedings.

City Solicitor's Office – Prosecutor's Division

The Prosecutor's Division of the City of Cincinnati Law Department works with the Cincinnati Police Department in the prosecution of misdemeanor violations brought against adult perpetrators in child abuse and neglect cases. The Division may also work with the Police Department in the preliminary aspects of felony, child abuse cases.

Hamilton County Department of Job & Family Services (HCJFS)

HCJFS is the local organization legally responsible for accepting reports of child abuse, neglect, and dependency; responding appropriately to those reports; assessing the safety of children; and acting to protect child victims and children at risk. When necessary, HCJFS caseworkers, with consultation and representation from the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, initiate action in Juvenile Court to order participation in services or out-of-home placement for a child. HCJFS is to make a cross referral to law enforcement upon receiving information alleging a criminal offense within seven calendar days of screening in a report alleging abuse in which law enforcement is not the referent and no later than seven calendar days after screening in reports of neglect if the PCSA enacts a safety plan (in-home safety plan, out-of-home safety plan, or legally authorized removal) due to

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neglect during that timeframe unless an arrest is made at the time of the report that results in the appropriate law enforcement agency being contacted concerning the possible child neglect. Best practice would support notification of law enforcement when a safety plan is enacted after the first seven calendar days.

- **Mandated Reporter Notifications**

Updates to ORC 2151.421 require PCSAs to send notifications to the mandated reporter if the mandated reporter provides their name and contact information when making the report regardless of the mandated reporter's request to receive or opt out of receiving the notification. The mandated reporter can choose whether they prefer to receive the notification via letter or electronically. The PCSA must send the following notifications:

1. Initial notification no later than seven calendar days after the screening decision that provides the status of the agency's assessment/investigation into the report, who the mandated reporter can contact for further information, and a description of the mandated reporter's rights.
2. An outcome notification for screened in reports informing that the agency has closed or transferred the assessment/investigation for ongoing services no later than seven calendar days after the assessment/investigation is completed.

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Cincinnati Animal CARE

The Cincinnati Animal CARE investigates reports of animal abuse and neglect within the county, including accepting reports from HCJFS workers, social workers, law enforcement pursuant to ORC 959.07 and 959.132. In addition, under O.R.C. 2151.421 agents of Cincinnati Animal CARE are required to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect that they may observe, during the commission of their duties, to HCJFS or local law enforcement immediately.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC)/ Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children

The Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children is a hospital-based child advocacy center striving to evaluate child victims of abuse and neglect in a way that minimizes trauma to the child and maximizes positive outcomes for the child victim and their family. The services include, but are not limited to, forensic interviews, medical evaluation, trauma assessment and treatment recommendations. Housed within the Mayerson Center is the CCHMC Child Abuse Team consisting of physicians, nurses and social workers and a victim advocate from the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office. Child abuse evaluations in the Mayerson Center are done in collaboration with HCJFS and Law Enforcement agencies.

The Mayerson Center has a multidisciplinary team review of child abuse and neglect cases to provide problem solving, support and education for the multidisciplinary team.

**System for Receiving Reports of Child Abuse & Neglect Twenty-Four Hours Per Day,
Seven Days Per Week**

**System for
Receiving
Reports**

The Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services (HCJFS) receives reports of suspected child abuse and neglect twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Reports may be made by telephone to HCJFS at (513) 241-KIDS (241-5437). In addition, reports of suspected child abuse and neglect as well as suspected crimes against a child may be made by calling the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. Jurisdiction exists where the incident is alleged to have occurred. Persons needing the name of the appropriate law enforcement agency should call the Hamilton County Communications Center at (513) 825-2280 and give the address where the incident allegedly occurred.

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**Mandated
Reporters**

No person described below who is acting in an official or professional capacity and knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to suspect, that a child under eighteen years of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child shall fail to immediately report that knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect to the entity or persons specified in this division. Except as otherwise provided in this division or section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the public children services agency or a peace officer in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. If the person making the report is a peace officer, the officer shall make it to the public children services agency in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred.

Mandated reporters include all of the following: any person who is an attorney; health care professional; practitioner of a limited branch of medicine as specified in section 4731.15 of the Revised Code; licensed school psychologist; independent marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist; coroner; administrator or employee of a child day-care center; administrator or employee of a residential camp, child day camp, or private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp; administrator or employee of a certified child care agency or other public or private children services agency; school teacher; school employee; school authority; peace officer; humane society agent; dog warden, deputy dog warden, or other person appointed to act as an animal control officer for a municipal corporation or township in accordance with state law, an ordinance, or a resolution; person, other than a cleric, rendering spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a well-recognized religion; employee of a county department of job and family services who is a professional and who works with children and families; superintendent or regional administrator employed by the department of youth services; superintendent, board member, or employee of a county board of developmental disabilities; investigative agent contracted with by a county board of developmental disabilities; employee of the department of developmental disabilities; employee of a facility or home that provides respite care in accordance with section 5123.171 of the Revised Code; employee of an entity that provides homemaker services; employee of a qualified organization as defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code; a host family as defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code; foster caregiver; a person performing the duties of an assessor pursuant to Chapter 3107. or 5103. of the Revised Code; third party employed by a public children services agency to assist in providing child or family related services; court appointed special advocate; or guardian ad litem.

**Law
Enforcement**

Sheriff's Patrol Deputies respond initially to all calls of potential child abuse or neglect on a 24-hour basis. Sheriff's Deputies will conduct a preliminary

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investigation into any reported allegations. Sheriff's Deputies will then notify their supervisors of any reported incidents. These incidents will be reported to the Juvenile Squad, Criminal Investigation Section via a National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) report as soon as possible or if the circumstances dictate by notifying the on-call Criminal Investigation Section supervisor immediately.

The Cincinnati Police Department patrol officers respond initially to all calls of potential child abuse or neglect 24 hours, 7 days per week. Patrol officers will conduct a preliminary investigation of the allegation. The patrol officer will notify the Personal Crimes Unit on all incidents identified as suspected child abuse or neglect encountered during patrol activities via a National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) report or a Personal Crimes Unit Memorandum.

**Cooperation
between Law
Enforcement &
HCJFS**

HCJFS makes an immediate report to law enforcement when the level of evidence suggests the possibility of a criminal offense. HCJFS notifies law enforcement of all other screened in reports of child abuse, unless law enforcement is present or referent of the report, and an arrest is made at the time of the report which results in the appropriate law enforcement agency being notified of the child abuse. HCJFS notifies law enforcement agency within seven days of screening in all reports of child abuse. Notification is also required if a safety plan (in-home, out-of-home or legally authorized removal) due to neglect occurs. When a municipal or county law enforcement officer receives a report concerning the possible abuse or neglect of a child or possible threat of abuse or neglect of a child, the officer who receives the report will refer the report to HCJFS as soon as possible. HCJFS caseworkers and supervisors must discuss the need for law enforcement assistance and seek assistance where situations include but not limited to:

- An exigent circumstance
- HCJFS has reason to believe that the child is in immediate danger of serious harm
- HCJFS has reason to believe that the worker is, or will be, in danger of harm
- HCJFS has reason to believe that a crime is being committed or has been committed against a child
- HCJFS caseworker must conduct a home visit after regular HCJFS business hours and a law enforcement escort is requested as a standard operating procedure
- HCJFS is removing a child from his or her family via an order of the court and the assistance of law enforcement is needed as HCJFS has reason to believe the family will challenge the removal
- HCJFS is working with a client who has a propensity towards violence and the assistance of law enforcement is needed to ensure the safety of all involved
- HCJFS is working with a family that has historically threatened to do harm to PCSA staff

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Roles & Responsibilities for Handling Emergency & Non-Emergency Cases of Child Abuse & Neglect

Background

HCJFS assesses all screened-in reports of child abuse, neglect, and dependency. Upon receipt of a report of alleged child abuse and neglect, an assessment must initiate within timeframes specified by the designated priority. All abuse and neglect cases are prioritized according to the information received and the potential imminent risk of abuse and/or neglect. When removal of the child from the care and control of his parents or other caregiver appears necessary, HCJFS engages the family in safety planning to ensure the child's safety and well-being.

Priority Responses

Priority	Definition	Response Mandate
1	There is an immediate present danger safety threat of serious harm to the child(ren). The threat is immediate, significant and clearly observable family condition or situation that is actively occurring or "in process" of occurring at the time of the call with the family and likely will result in serious harm to the child and the threat is not controlled or managed. This includes but is not limited to; a deserted child, a disabled infant with life-threatening condition who is allegedly being neglected, a child without supervision or law enforcement in need of immediate assistance.	The child(ren) must be seen within 1 hour of the screening decision.
2	There is a present danger safety threat of serious harm to the child(ren). The threat is immediate, significant and clearly observable family condition or situation that is actively occurring or "in process" of occurring at the time of the call with the family and likely will result in serious harm to the child.	The child(ren) must be seen within the same business day of the screening decision.
3	There is an impending danger safety threat of harm to the child(ren). While the danger may not be currently active it can be anticipated to have severe effects on a child at any time.	The child(ren) must be seen within 24 hours of the screening decision.
4	Reports of abuse or neglect where Present or Impending threats are not identified, however assessment of child safety is mandated by ORC. Courtesy Assessment from another child welfare agency and other assessments as identified (FINS).	Successful contact with a principal or collateral of case within 24 hours and face-to-face contact with the child(ren) must be made with 72 hours of receipt of the screening decision.

OAC section 5101:2-36-03 states HCJFS shall initiate the screened in child abuse and/or neglect report in accordance with the following:

- (1) For an emergency report, attempt a face-to-face contact with the alleged child victim within one hour from the time the referral was screened in, to assess child safety and interview the alleged child victim.
- (2) For all other reports, attempt a face-to-face contact or complete a telephone contact within twenty-four hours from the time the referral was screened in, with a principal of the report or collateral source who has knowledge of the alleged child victim's current condition, and can provide current information about the child's safety.
- (3) If face-to-face contact with the alleged child victim was not attempted within

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the twenty-four hour time frame, an attempt of face-to-face contact with the alleged child victim shall be made within seventy-two hours from the time the report was screened in to assess child safety and interview the alleged child victim.

**Response of
Law
Enforcement**

Detectives from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Section are available 24 hours a day for emergency calls with the approval of the Criminal Investigation Section on-call supervisor or the Personal Crimes Unit Supervisor. All non-emergency cases will be referred to the Personal Crimes Unit for follow-up the next day. The Cincinnati Police Department's Personal Crimes Unit is also notified by HCJFS of cases involving suspected child abuse and neglect in their jurisdiction. The Personal Crimes officers are available 24 hours per day, seven days a week, for recall on emergency cases with prior approval from a Personal Crimes Unit supervisor. All non-emergency cases will be referred to the Personal Crimes Unit by 8:00 A.M. on the next day for follow up.

Consultation with Required Participants

General	Cases of child abuse and neglect are routinely and continually evaluated to determine the need for collaboration and consultation with the parties to this memorandum. Consultations with regard to circumstances that may cause harm or risk to a child shall occur whenever deemed necessary by the parties. Consultations will be directed to accomplishing interventions that protect children and maintain families whenever possible.
Law Enforcement	Contact with the law enforcement agency of proper jurisdiction will occur with each report alleging child sexual abuse, and when a young child is found alone. In addition, a referral will be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency anytime a case of child abuse and neglect appears to require the fact-finding expertise of law enforcement for the purpose of criminal investigation. Consultation for the purpose of determining the need for law enforcement assistance will occur when it is determined to be necessary for the safety and welfare of the children and caseworkers, where criminal prosecution may be necessary, or may present a potential conflict of interest for HCJFS.
Prosecuting Attorney's Office/City Solicitor's Office	Consultation with regard to the legal issues relating to HCJFS' legal responsibilities occurs between HCJFS and the Prosecuting Attorney for Hamilton County, Ohio. HCJFS caseworkers can seek legal consultation with the prosecutor's office in all cases in which a parent, guardian, or custodian has been charged with child endangerment, domestic violence against a child, or any crime involving a sexual offense against a child. Caseworkers consult with the prosecutor's office whenever child abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings in Juvenile Court are being considered. Caseworkers can also consult with attorneys in the prosecutor's division of the City Solicitor's Office on cases of misdemeanor violations brought against adult perpetrators of child abuse and neglect.
Juvenile Court	The intervention of Juvenile Court is necessitated whenever a child's circumstance is such as to warrant state intervention on behalf of the child.
Cincinnati Animal CARE	Should the need arise, HCJFS caseworkers consult with Cincinnati Animal CARE regarding any concerns identified during contact with the family or in the home.

**Cincinnati
Children's
Hospital
Medical Center**

The purpose of the Mayerson Center and the multidisciplinary team is the reduction of trauma by the elimination of unnecessary interviews of children who are the subject of abuse or neglect reports to the point when feasible, conducting only one interview of a child who is the subject of a report of child abuse or neglect.

Cases should be cross reported between Children's Services and Law Enforcement immediately upon receiving the case. In cases in which the forensic interview and evaluation cannot be convened in a timely manner, the priority mandate must be met by the caseworker to determine the potential risk of abuse/neglect. The caseworker and the law enforcement officer can collaborate to meet for this initial interview. When possible, questioning should be limited to minimal facts questioning and a forensic interview is scheduled when safety is established.

Minimal facts interview to include only the following:

- What type of sexual contact or conduct to have occurred?
- The location of the alleged abuse
- The timing of the alleged abuse. If the abuse is alleged to have occurred within 72 to 96 hours, an immediate medical exam is necessary to gather and preserve evidence.
- Identity of the alleged perpetrator(s).
- The existence of other possible victims.

The first concern of any investigation is the safety of the child. If the questioning needs to be expanded to ensure safety of the child, the worker/officer should use their on-the-scene judgement.

Whenever possible, child victims of sexual abuse should be interviewed at the Mayerson Center by forensically trained social workers. All personnel assigned to the case should be present for the interview/evaluation process. In addition, the Mayerson Center allows children to have access to trained physicians and nurses for medical evaluation and treatment and trauma screening and mental health recommendations.

The alleged perpetrator may not, under any circumstances, be present at The Mayerson Center.

Emergency evaluations of child abuse and neglect can be referred to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Emergency Department by calling the hospital at 513-636-4200 and asking for the Emergency Department social worker. Non-emergency evaluations can be seen at the Mayerson Center by calling 513-636-7233.

The Mayerson Center hosts a weekly team meeting to have multidisciplinary team reviews of child abuse and neglect cases to

Consultation with Required Participants

enhance problem solving and for the support and education of the multidisciplinary team.

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Standards & Procedures for Handling & Coordinating Assessments/Investigations of Reported Cases of Child Abuse & Neglect

**General
Assessment
/Investigation
Protocol**

HCJFS follows the requirements for conducting assessments or investigations of child abuse and neglect that are described in OAC section 5101:2-36-03. All reports indicating a possible crime against a child, including human trafficking, require a joint assessment/investigation with law enforcement. If law enforcement declines to investigate a report, HCJFS remains responsible for ensuring child safety and completing an assessment based on internal policies, the OAC and the ORC.

Contact with Alleged Perpetrator

When there is a concurrent criminal investigation, HCJFS will delay contact.

Interviews pertaining to maltreatment with the alleged perpetrator until law enforcement has completed their interview. HCJFS will only delay interviews for a maximum of 60 days in order to remain in compliance with OAC 5101:2-36-03. However, this does not prohibit contact with the alleged perpetrator who is the sole custodial parent in order to assure the child's immediate safety. The alleged perpetrator must be advised of the allegations made against him or her at the time of the initial contact.

Information presented to the alleged perpetrator/sole custodial parent is to be coordinated with law enforcement. Specific details of the allegation may be delayed, reducing the opportunity of an alleged perpetrator to prepare a response or alibi.

Patrol officers are not precluded from obtaining sufficient specifics on the scene to make proper dispositions of the initial police report.

Securing a Medical Examination/Evaluation

A medical examination/evaluation of the alleged child victim (ACV) can be secured with consent of the child, parent, guardian, or custodian, or with a court order. Emergency evaluations of child abuse or neglect, including the need for medical attention or for sexual assault examination, are referred to the CCHMC Emergency Department. Referent must notify the ED social worker by paging 513-736-4410 or by calling the main hospital at 513-636-4200 and asking for the Emergency Department social worker. Non-emergency evaluations are scheduled by calling 513-636-7233, Monday through Friday, 8:30-5 pm.

**Specific
Investigations**
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**Out of Home
Care & Third
Party**

HCJFS follows the procedures described in OAC section 5101:2-36-04 for conducting child abuse and neglect investigations in Out of Home Care settings. Out-of-home care setting is a detention facility, shelter facility, foster home, pre-finalized adoptive placement, certified foster home, approved foster care, organization, certified organization, child care center, type A family day-care home, type B family day-care home, group home, institution, state institution, residential facility, residential care facility, residential camp, day camp, hospital, medical clinic, children's residential center, public or nonpublic school, or respite home that is responsible for the care, physical custody, or control of a child.

HCJFS has a special unit, known as the Specialized Assessment Unit (SAU), which investigates reports of alleged abuse or neglect in out of home care settings and third-party investigations. HCJFS shares information about these investigations with those parties with a need to know pursuant to OAC section 5101:2-33-21.

HCJFS conducts third party investigations in accordance with the procedures set out in OAC section 5101:2-36-08. HCJFS must initiate a third-party investigation when the following parties are involved as principals:

- Employee of ODJFS or HCJFS
- A family childcare home provider licensed by ODJFS
- Employee of institution or facility licensed by ODJFS or other state agency and supervised by HCJFS
- A foster caregiver, pre-finalized adoptive parent, adoptive parent, relative or kinship caregiver who is recommended, approved or supervised by HCJFS
- Authorized person representing ODJFS or HCJFS who provides services for payment or as a volunteer
- A foster caregiver or an employee of an organization or facility licensed or certified by ODJFS and the alleged victim is in the custody of, or receiving services from Hamilton County Children's Services
- Any other relationship deemed by HCJFS to have a conflict of interest

The HCJFS Specialized Assessment Unit (SAU) conducts the third-party investigations if all of the following apply:

- An HCJFS employee is not named as the principal in the report
- The report does not allege a criminal offense
- HCJFS maintains internal policies and procedures for the review and approval of the assessments/investigations conduct by SAU
- SAU works independently of all other units within Children's Services

Within twenty-four (24) hours of the identification of a conflict of interest which cannot be handled by SAU, HCJFS requests and documents the assistance of a third party. HCJFS must request the assistance of law enforcement as the third party if the child abuse or neglect report alleges a criminal offense. HCJFS may request the assistance of another Public Children's Services Agency (PCSA) if the report does

Consultation with Required Participants

not allege a criminal offense and both agencies agree to participate, including the delegation of investigatory responsibilities. If law enforcement or another PCSA declines to assist HCJFS, then SAU must complete the assessment/investigation.

**Specific
Investigations**
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**Emergency
Requiring
Immediate
Response**

Whenever an emergency exists requiring immediate response HCJFS takes all necessary action in collaboration with law enforcement, the Prosecutor's Office, Juvenile Court and medical providers to secure the child's immediate safety. If there is a need to obtain an emergency order of custody, to protect a child from imminent risk of serious physical or emotional harm, HCJFS consults with the Prosecutor's Office and prepares to submit the emergency circumstances to the Juvenile Court.

Juvenile Court provides an opportunity for a hearing on a Motion for Temporary Orders during normal business hours. Juvenile Court may hold an ex Parte hearing outside of normal business hours when it is necessary to protect a child's health or safety. If the court issues an ex parte emergency order, a hearing shall be held the next business day or within 72 hours, whichever is earlier.

HCJFS must make diligent efforts to notify the parents, guardian or custodian of the emergency hearing and the opportunity to be heard at that hearing. The parties will be served with a summons and the complaint at the time of the hearing. Any party to a juvenile court proceeding has the right to be represented by counsel and to have appointed counsel if the person is indigent. The court will appoint guardian ad litem for a child who is the subject of a complaint alleging abuse, neglect, and/or dependency.

Pending a hearing or complaint, Juvenile Court may issue temporary emergency orders that include:

- Placing the child in the temporary custody of a HCJFS after finding the child's continued residence in the home is contrary to the child's best interest or after finding that the child may abscond or be removed from the jurisdiction or not brought to court;
- Placing the child in the temporary custody of another appropriate party or person;
- Orders with respect to the relation or conduct of a person toward a child if such relation or conduct is not in the child's best interest. This may include issues related to visitation, vacating a residence occupied by a child, court ordered counseling, restraints on conduct, or any other order necessary to protect the child's best interest; and
- Orders regarding emergency medical and surgical treatment, which are immediately necessary to preserve the health and well-being of a child upon the certificate of one or more reputable practicing physicians.

Non-emergency

Upon receiving a report alleging child abuse, neglect and/or dependent, HCJFS commences an investigation in accordance of the requirements of section 2151.421 of the ORC. If the final case decision rises to the level of court involvement, HCJFS shall approach the juvenile court and file a complaint alleging the child(ren) to be abused, neglected or dependent per ORC 2151.27. The matter will be set for a shelter care/preliminary protective hearing expeditiously by the juvenile court.

Consultation with Required Participants

Reasonable oral or written notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing must be provided to the parents, guardian or custodian unless they cannot be found. The same parties are also entitled to notification that a case plan may be prepared, the general requirements and the possible consequences of non-compliance with the case plan.

The parties will be served with the complaint and summons to appear before the juvenile court. Unrepresented parties are advised by the juvenile court of their right to counsel. Counsel is appointed for children when abuse is alleged. A guardian ad litem is appointed to all children subjects of abuse, neglect or dependency proceedings. A separate guardian ad litem may be appointed to minor parents or parents who appear mentally incompetent.

The judicial fact finder must determine whether there is probable cause that the child is abused, neglected or dependent, the child is in need of protection, reasonable efforts were made by HCJFS to prevent the removal or continued removal or to make it possible for the child to return home safely and for the temporary custody orders the HCJFS that it would be contrary to the welfare and best interest of the children to continue in the home. All other temporary orders should be requested and considered at this time.

Consultation with Required Participants
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Specific Investigations
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Child Fatality Investigations

Upon notification of the death of a child due to child abuse or neglect, HCJFS will perform its investigative duties pursuant to rules of OAC sections 5101:2-36-03; 5101:2-36-04, 5101:2-36-07, 5101:2-36-08, as appropriate. Generally, 241-KIDS, the Care Management Unit or the active Children's Services caseworker or supervisor receives fatality reports. Notification is initiated with all appropriate parties, including law enforcement. An action plan is then developed to provide for an assessment of the need for protection of siblings, review of the case record, funeral arrangements if necessary, and other supportive services to the family.

HCJFS follows OAC Section 5101:2-42-89 following the death of a child in its custody.

INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING CHILD FATALITY/NEAR FATALITY
Any of the undersigned agencies with knowledge of a child fatality or near fatality, including cases involved abusive head trauma, shall report that information to HCJFS if the child was a reside of Hamilton County at the time of the death or near-death incident.

HCJFS is guided by OAC rule, Agency policy and this MOU concerning activities, procedures and investigations following a child fatality or near fatality. This includes general screening procedures outlines in OAC 5101:2-36 and Agency procedure outlined in OAC 5101:2-42-89. If the death of a child is the result of suspected child about or neglect, HCJFS will follow investigation and assessment procedures outlined in OAC 5101:2-36-01 regarding suspected child abuse and neglect as determine by law enforcement, medical or HCJFS personnel. HCJFS will notify law enforcement of the death of a child, update the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) and participate in the Child Fatality Review committee. Other parties may be notified of fatalities of children in HCJFS custody per Agency Administration. These parties may include the Prosecutor's Office, Juvenile Court, and/or legal representatives as deemed necessary.

If a child in the custody of HCJFS dies, HCJFS will notify law enforcement within one hour of its knowledge of the child's death and comply with the provisions of OAC 5101:2-33-26.

Specific Investigations
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Investigations of Alleged Withholding

The OAC section 5101:2-36-07 cites specialized procedures for handling allegations involving withholding of appropriate nutrition, hydration, medication, or medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life-threatening conditions. An infant is defined as any child from birth to eighteen months of age. These cases require particular response due to the potential lethality of the circumstances. HCJFS follows the procedures described in OAC section 5101:2-36-07 for responding to such reports.

Consultation with Required Participants
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Specific Investigations

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Aiding, Abetting a Child or Ward of the Juvenile Court

HCJFS responds to reports involving individuals who aid, abet, induce, cause, encourage, or contribute to a child or a ward of the juvenile court to

- become a dependent or neglected child, or
- become an unruly or delinquent child, or
- leave the custody of any person, department, or public or private institution without the legal consent of that person, department, or institution

Information will be obtained to allow for a reasonable determination of risk to the child involved and to ascertain whether a suspicion of child abuse and neglect is present. Depending on the circumstances surrounding the reported case, referrals may be made to law enforcement, juvenile court, the prosecuting attorney, or other legal office of proper jurisdiction. Law enforcement investigates these reports, as appropriate.

Specific Investigations

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Missing Children

Missing child reports will be referred to the law enforcement agency of proper jurisdiction. Consultation and information sharing with law enforcement, the prosecutor's office, and HCJFS will occur on behalf of the missing child as it relates to the child's well-being and best interests.

In accordance with OAC 5101:2-42-88 HCJFS shall

- Refer the reporter to the law enforcement agency in the appropriate jurisdiction
- Contact the law enforcement agency for entry into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database if the child is in HCJFS custody
- Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) if the child is in HCJFS custody

Interviewing Children who are Subjects of Reports
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Joint/Forensic Interviews

Primary goals of the memorandum of understanding are to eliminate unnecessary interviews of children who are the subject of a report of suspected child abuse or neglect; and to provide, when feasible, for only one interview of a child who is the subject of a report. Joint/forensic interviews need to be facilitated in a safe, neutral, child-appropriate setting. The Mayerson Center must be utilized for interviews, conducted by a forensically trained Mayerson Center social worker. Specific steps are initiated by the caseworker to arrange joint interviews:

Step	Action
1	Contact the Mayerson Center by phone to schedule the forensic interview.
2	Contact police jurisdiction in which the alleged abuse and/or neglect occurred. Coordinate the interview with the assigned detective. Note: Personal Crimes is to be contacted rather than the districts for crimes committed in the city of Cincinnati. Contact Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigations Section, Personal Crimes Unit for crimes committed in unincorporated areas of Hamilton County.
2	Advise the child and parent/caregiver of the time, date, location, etc. of the interview.
3	Determine the suitability of the non-maltreating parent/caregiver to determine their participation in the process. Make alternative arrangements to transport and accompany the child if necessary.

Categories of Persons who may Interview the Child

The categories of personnel who may conduct interview of children who are the subjects of reports of alleged abuse, neglect and/or dependency are limited to the following:

- Caseworker and supervisory staff of HCJFS
- Law enforcement personnel
- County or city prosecuting attorneys, assistant prosecuting attorneys
- Forensic interviewing staff of the CAC

Failure of a Mandated Reporter to Make a Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

Procedure for Failure to Report

When circumstances lead to a concern that a mandated reporter has failed to report, HCJFS shall give written notification of such failure to the County Prosecutor or City Solicitor. Failing to report child abuse and neglect, when required to do so as defined in Section 2151.421 of the Ohio Revised Code is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. The penalty is a misdemeanor of the first degree if the child who is the subject of the required report that the offender fails to make suffers or faces the threat of suffering the physical or mental wound, injury, disability or condition that would be the basis of the required report when the child is under the direct care or supervision of the offender who is then acting in the offender's official or professional capacity or when the child is under the direct care or supervision of another person over whom the offender, while acting in the offender's official or professional capacity, has supervisory control. Failure to report suspected child abuse and/or neglect may also result in civil liability in the form of compensatory or exemplary damages.

Unauthorized Dissemination of Information

Procedure for Unauthorized Dissemination of Information

When any person commits, causes, permits or encourages the unauthorized dissemination of information concerning reports and investigations of child abuse or neglect, HCJFS shall give written notification of such unauthorized dissemination to the County Prosecutor or City Solicitor. The reporter's identity is confidential and is not to be confirmed or denied, except as permitted by law.


Statement of Exception

Failure to follow procedures set forth in this memorandum by the concerned officials is not grounds for, and shall not result in the dismissal of any charges or complaint arising from any reported case of abuse or neglect or the suppression of any evidence obtained as a result of any reported child abuse or child neglect and does not give, and shall not be construed as giving, any rights or any grounds for appeal or post-conviction relief to any person.

Signatures of Required Participants



Michael Patton Director, Hamilton County Job & Family Services Date 3/7/2024



Jeff Aluotto JEFFREY W. ALUOTTO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR Date 3-21-24

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Jacob TenBrink Chief

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J. TenBrink

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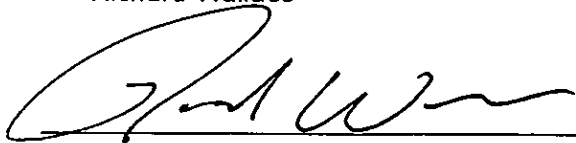
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Date 1/11/2024

Eric Pennekamp Chief, Addyston Police Date

Name Title, Agency Date

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Richard Wallace Chief, Amberly Village Police Date



Chief, Arlington Heights Date

Scott Chief, Blue Ash Police Date

Chief, Cheviot City Police Date

Daniel Reid Chief, Cincinnati State College Police Date

Chief, Cleves Police Date

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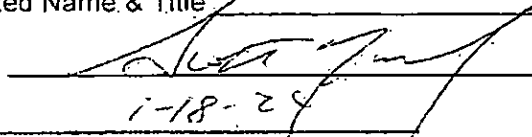
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Scott D. Noel Chief of Police

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CHIEF 

Date

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Carolyn Evans, Executive Director

Carolyn Evans

1/23/24

Printed Name & Title

Signature

Date

CITY OF CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT SIGNATURE ATTACHMENT

CITY OF CINCINNATI



Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Date: February 14, 2024

APPROVED:

Teresa A. Theetge

Teresa A. Theetge, Police Chief

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deborah Cahalane

Assistant City Solicitor

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Emily Smart Woerner City *Emily Smart Woerner* Solicitor 12/14/23

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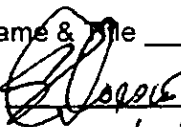
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Printed Name & Title EDWIN C. CORDIE III CHIEF OF POLICE
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David L. Batten Chief of Police
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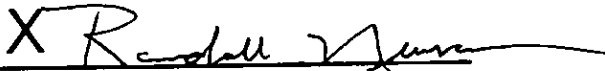
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Printed Name & Title JERRY J. BROWN, CAPT
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Randall S Newsom
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Please note these changes,

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Printed Name & Title

Signature

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Printed Name & Title: Jeff W Bronson - Chief of Police

Signature

Jeff W Bronson

Date: 01/09/24

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WILLIAM ARSS, Chief of Police, City of Forest Park
Printed Name & Title _____

Signature William D Arss _____

Date 1-16-2024 _____

Mark Denny	Chief, Colerain Police	Date
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Kevin Koo	Chief, College of Mr. Saint Joseph Police	Date
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Mike Schlie	Chief, Deer Park Police	Date
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Jim Howarth	Chief, Delhi Police Dept.	Date
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Scott Bartlee	Elmwood Place Police Dept.	Date
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Niel Korte	Chief, Evendale Police Dept.	Date
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Jeff Bronson	Fairfax Police Dept.	Date
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William Ams	Forest Park Police Dept.	Date
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Craig Walsh

Glendale Police Dept

Date


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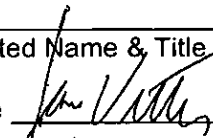
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Printed Name & Title JAMES VESPER CHIEF OF POLICE
Signature 
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Printed Name & Title Tim A. Howard / Chief of Police
Signature [Handwritten Signature]
Date JAN. 21, 2024 Greenhill's
Police Dept.

Signatures of Required Participants

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Carolyn Evans	Executive Director Cincinnati Animal Care	Date
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<i>Robert Allen Shapiro</i>		December 12, 2023
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Robert Shapiro, MD	Director Cincinnati Children's Medical Center	Date
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Printed Name & Title Charles R. Lindsey Chief Police

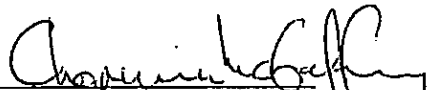
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Chief Scott Schlie

Printed Name & Title
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Date *1/17/24*

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Printed Name & Title: Michael Ott, Chief of Police Lockland
Police Department: Lockland Police Department

Signature Michael Ott

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Michael Gabrielson, Chief of Police Loveland Ohio

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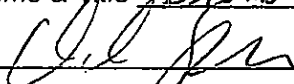
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Printed Name & Title DAVID A. SCHAEFER CHIEF OF POLICE

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Printed Name & Title RICHARD D. HINES - CHIEF OF POLICE

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Marionnet Police Dept.

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John Crowell, Chief of Police – Montgomery Police Department

Signature

John W. Crowell

Date

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Kevin Koo / Chief

Printed Name & Title - _____

Signature

Kevin Koo

Date 1/17/2024

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Jerome Deidesheimer CHIEF OF POLICE *Mr. HEALTY* POLICE
Printed Name & Title

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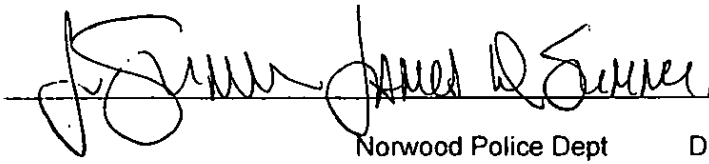
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Ryan Schrand
Printed Name & Title Chief of Police

Signature Ryan Schrand

Date 2/6/2024

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Norwood Police Dept Date

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Printed Name & Title: Matthew T. Schuler, Executive Director

Signature:  _____

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HAMILTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Melissa Powers

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11/30/23

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Printed Name & Title BRYAN EDENS CHIEF OF POLICE

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Printed Name & Title James C. Nesbit II Chief of Police
Signature *James C. Nesbit II*
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Thomas Butler
Printed Name & Title Chief of Police; Springfield Police Dept.
Signature *T. Butler*
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Printed Name & Title RICK BLEY CHIEF OF POLICE
Signature Col. Rick Bley SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
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Printed Name & Title MICHAEL SIMDS; CHIEF OF POLICE
Signature *Michael Simds*
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Printed Name & Title GERALD E. HAYHOW
Signature Gerald E. Hayhow
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Sycamore Township Police Dept Date

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University of Cincinnati Police Dept Date

Woodlawn Police Dept Date

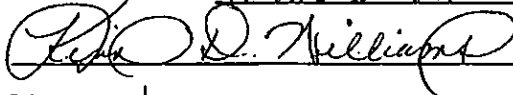
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