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PREFACE

The Crime Report and Supplementary Report forms have been developed as part of the overall upgrading of records and reporting for the Springfield Police Department through the Integrated Criminal Apprehension Program (ICAP). Preliminary training and field testing were accomplished by officers during and a period of time following ICAP training classes.

This manual has been developed for instruction and actual field reporting of police cases coming to the attention of officers of the department. It is a guide which seeks to inform the user of the type of information necessary to complete the forms successfully.

Development research was extensive and included much effort by a subcommittee of the ICAP Task Force and a thorough study of the Model Records System Manual and Reporting Guides (July 25, 1977) developed for ICAP by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, U.S. Department of Justice.

This manual covers the above two reports being implemented for departmental usage. It will be revised and made comprehensive for all departmental report forms at a future time.

Gordon Loveland, Chief of Police

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORTS

An officer writes an investigative report to record his activities and findings. The investigative report is a permanent record of the case, the basis for evaluation of what has been done, the basis for deciding further action and the basis for prosecution.

Information obtained from the various reports of the Springfield Police Department will be tabulated to give a picture of criminal and noncriminal activity within our jurisdiction. This information explains where and how police officers and their equipment are being used and it will give some indication as to where and how they should be used.

Reports will be used in manpower allocation plans with regard to single- or multiple-crime specific planning. This capability can be on a tactical or strategical basis. Officers can be alerted to be on the lookout for known criminals or the modus operandi of the unidentified perpetrators of specific offenses. These records, which are based upon the reports of our officers, are an aid in the planning of the police budget and the distribution of funds within the department. Long-range planning for the department to meet changing crime conditions is based on the information from reports. Reports can also be used to identify both the general and individual training needs of personnel so that appropriate measures can be instituted.

The report represents a convenient method for keeping other interested agencies informed. In addition to aiding the work of other public departments, the information derived from reports can be used to keep the public informed of police problems and accomplishments. Such information becomes the basis for public support of the law enforcement agency.

It cannot be overemphasized that, no matter how well done, an investigation can be no better than the manner in which the report is written. The investigator must remember that his report tells the reader the manner in which the investigation was conducted. Moreover, it is the basis for

evaluation of the quality of the investigation and the investigator. A poor report of a good investigation will give the impression of a poor investigation.

2. DEFINITIONS AND MULTIPLE OFFENSES

Offense titles on the Crime and Supplementary Reports should be in accordance with state and federal statutes or city ordinance.

Not uncommonly, a field situation involves the commission of more than one offense. The following guidelines are offered:

- 2.1 Offenses -- For the offenses of robbery, burglary, larceny and auto theft, a Crime Report should be prepared for each separate and distinct operation. A distinct operation is one wherein all of the actions occur at one time and place. If actions are separated by time or space, more than one report will be required. Examples:
 - 2.1.1 Robbery -- Four people in one restaurant are held up by an armed robber. One Crime Report (listing multiple victims) is prepared.
 - 2.1.2 <u>Burglary (Apartments)</u> -- One Crime Report is prepared for each apartment entered.

Note

Unoccupied motel or hotel rooms are not considered to be apartments. If a burglary occurs in a building where transient lodging is the business, one Crime Report is prepared regardless of the number of rooms entered. Example: TV sets stolen from a number of rooms.

- 2.1.3 <u>Burglary (Office Buildings)</u> -- One Crime Report for each business burglarized.
- 2.1.4 <u>Larceny</u> -- Five washing machines in a self-service laundry are rifled. One Crime Report is prepared.

- 2.1.5 Larceny -- Five parking meters, one Crime Report.
- 2.1.6 <u>Larceny</u> -- Batteries stolen from three automobiles on a used car lot, one Crime Report.
- 2.1.7 <u>Larceny</u> -- Batteries stolen from three automobiles on a parking lot or street (different victims), three Crime Reports.
- 2.1.8 Auto Theft -- One Crime Report for each motor vehicle stolen.

3. ITEMS COMMON TO MOST REPORTS

3.1 Legibility

All handwritten reports should be written with a ball point pen using dark ink (felt tip pens are not acceptable). Reports can be written in longhand, providing they are legible; otherwise, they should be printed. All reports should be completed in legible form before the reporting officer goes off duty.

3.2 Names

All proper names (including names of businesses) should be spelled out in full. Correct spelling is of key importance.

3.3 Addresses

The apartment, suite, or room number is an integral part of an address. Military personnel should be identified by unit number and the name of the ship, station, or military instllation. Indicate the street number for each address and, where no street number is available, use the distance and direction to a known geographical location. Addresses recorded in the blocks provided should represent the permanent residence address. If the individual is temporarily staying in the city, this temporary address should be indicated under the narrative.

section of the report if sufficient space is not found in the address block. For example, an address might be recorded as "234 West Longview, Salt Lake City, Utah, temporarily staying at the Hilton Hotel, 1604 South Main St."

3.4 Telephone Numbers

Include the area code and/or extension number when applicable.

3.5 Dates

The number of the month, the number of the day, and followed by the last two digits of the year is the satisfactory way of recording the date. For example, "12-14-78." Where a span of dates is to be indicated, use a dashed line between the first date above and last date below. For example, "12-10-78" 12-14-78

3.6 Time

Each indication of time must be recorded by the use of the 24-hour clock (1:00 p.m. = 1300 hrs.; 4:00 a.m. = 0400 hrs.). Where a span of time is to be indicated, use a dashed line between the first time above and the last time below. For example: Q7QQ 1500

3.7 Witnesses

Obtain as complete information as possible, keeping in mind the instructions above as to names and addresses. Also record the age. General descriptive information about witnesses is often pertinent when it is later necessary to locate a witness for interview or to testify in court. When appropriate, sex, race, and other information about witnesses should be included in the narrative.

3.8 Sectors

This is the Sector number where the incident occurred. Sectors are smaller divisions of districts or beats and are used to pinpoint activity locations. This information will be added to the report by the Crime

Analysis Section.

3.9 Sex, Race and Age

The sex, race, and age of suspects and witnesses should be obtained as accurately as can be accomplished through observation, interview, or questioning persons who might be able to provide this information. In recording these data, the following standard abbreviations should be used:

3.9.1 Sex: Male - M

Female - F

3.9.2 Race:

White = W

Black = B

Mexican = M

Chinese, Japanese or other Oriental = 0

American Indian = I

Other Races = OTH

3.9.3 Age: This is the age of the individual on his last birthday.

A spread of years can be used when age must be estimated (for example, "25-30.").

3.10 Occupations

The Crime Report forms provide for recording the place employed/
school attended of a victim. Record the name of the business employing
the victim or the name of the school he attends and the phone number
where he can be reached while there. Also indicate what time span he is normally there. For example: 0800-1700. If the victim is unemployed by reason
of retirement, the phrase

"retired," for example, would be indicated. In cases of unemployed married women, the entry would normally be "housewife."

3.11 Value

Indicate as near as can be estimated the fair market value for articles subject to depreciation. Use cost to merchant (wholesale price) in thefts from retail stores, warehouses, etc. Individual property values should be listed in box #63 of the Crime Report.

3.12 General Entry Guidelines

The basic rule in reporting is that all boxes should be completed, wherever possible. There are instances where, by their very nature, boxes do not apply to the particular case being reported. In such cases, they should be left blank. The reporting officer must consider the applicability of each box. Except in those instances where information is not applicable or will be added later, all boxes must be completed with either the information or one of the following indicators: (1) None, (2) Refused, or (3) Unknown. In cases where the word "Unknown" is entered, the reason should be explained in the body of the report, if appropriate. If any box provides inadequate space in a particular case, note in the box the words "see below," and record or continue the details under the Narrative (inserting the number of the box continued under Item No. in the left column of the Narrative).

3.13 Signatures

An investigating officer completing a report should sign it and indicate his department serial number in the space provided.

4. DESCRIPTIONS

4.1 Persons

For the purpose of report writing, it is essential that descriptions be detailed, complete, and standardized to the extent possible.

Emergency descriptions identifying a fleeing suspect obtained for immediate broadcast should be supplemented by further questioning of complainant or witnesses, before the officer submits his report. In addition to name, nickname, and address, the description must, if possible, include

Sex: M or F

Race: (Use the codes given in 3.9.2)

Age: A span of ages can be used if the exact age in unknown, such as 25-30.

Height: Self-explanatory

Weight: Self-explanatory

Hair: Give color

Eyes: Give color

Description: Clothing and what is unusual about subject. For example, amputations, nervous tic, peculiar mannerisms or movement, good teeth, prominent scars, deformities, speech oddities, tattoos, type build, type facial and head hair, glasses, etc.

4.2 Property

For all articles listed, regardless of what they may be, always show the maker's or brand name, serial and model numbers, size and color, and valuation. Show any initials or other marks of identification that may have been added after purchase of articles. If owner is not sure of valuation, give approximate valuation, in line with 3.11.

4.2.1 Clothing

If detailed clothing descriptions are known, it should always be described in order, from hat to shoes. Detailed descriptions would have to be included in narrative. In addition to identifying the articles by name such as "hat," "coat," "dress," "slacks," be sure to include:

style: Single-breasted sport coat, fingertip

mink stole, etc. Include hat style and color

Color: Brown and white tweed, dark green satin,

flowered print, red on green, etc.

Identifiable Defects: Ripped left sleeve, grease spot on back,

etc.

Jewelry: Lodge pins, emblems, rings, bracelets,

necklaces, etc.

Give name of article to be described. In describing men's, women's, children's, or infants' clothing, always indicate size, color, maker's label, laundry or cleaner's marks, and kind of materials.

- Men's Suits -- State whether single- or double-breasted, number
 of buttons, whether two- or three-piece (coat, vest, and pants;
 or coat and two pair of pants), whether evening, street, or
 sport suits; state kind of lining, if any; plain or pleated
 trousers, if known; etc.
- Men's Coats -- State whether overcoat, short jacket, raincoat;
 single- or double-breasted; type of trimming, lining; also if belted.
- Men's Miscellaneous Clothing -- Include shorts, shirts, socks, sweaters, ties, shoes, scarves, pajamas, dressing gown, etc.
 Describe completely.
- Women's Dresses -- State whether evening, street, house, or suit; kind of trimming, if any (such as fur, lace, metallic, contrasting, or self-trim); one- or two-piece style.
- Women's Coats -- State whether full-length or short; whether evening, sport, or dress type. Give full description of trimming, buttons, etc.; indicate color and kind of lining. Give complete and full description of fur coats, kind of fur, lining, etc.

- Women's Miscellaneous Clothing -- Include lingerie, underwear,
 pajamas, stockings, shoes, socks, sweaters, scarves, shawls,
 skirts, housecoats, pantsuits, slacks, etc.
- Children's and Infants' Clothing -- Follow general descriptions as given for men's and women's clothing.

4.2.2 Jewelry

After giving the name of the article to be described, include the following when it is part of the description:

- Color(s) and kind(s) of metal(s).
- Number, kind, color, cut, and size of stones.
- Type of morniang, filigree, plain, engraved, etc.
- Type of setting: Basket, tiffany, sunken, box, etc.
- Inscriptions, dates, engravings, initials, serial numbers, and jeweler's markings.

Specific information for each article includes:

- Rings -- State kind of metal, kind, size, cut, type, and number
 of stones (diamond, ruby, etc.); whether plain, engraved, or
 filigree; and any jeweler's marks, inscriptions, or initials.
- Watches -- State make (Elgin, Hamilton, Timex, etc.) movement, and case and jewel numbers; size of watch; type of case (open-faced or covered); number of adjustments, if known; whether plain or engraved or set with stones. If it has chain or wrist band attached, describe giving color, material, length, etc.
- <u>Necklaces</u> -- State length, number of strands, whether matched or graduated stones or beads; whether strung on thread or chain (giving kind and color); describe clasp.
- Pendants -- State size, shape; whether strung or chain, ribbon,
 cord, or thread; give color and type; describe clasp.

- Brooches and Bar Pins -- State size and shape; whether plain,
 engraved, or filigree; also whether pin has safety clasp attached.
- Stick Pins -- State size, shape, and kind of stones; state whether safety clasp attached.
- Bracelets -- State width; whether link, filigree, solid,
 flexible, or half-clasp type; whether plain, engraved, or stone
 set; whether safety chain attached and type of clasp.
- Earrings -- State style and length; whether screw, clasp, or pierce type; describe stones, color, etc.
- Emblems, Charms, Lodge Pins, etc. -- State size and shape;
 name of organization (Masonic, Elks, Eagles; Phi Beta Kappa,
 Sigma Chi; nurse's or military service; American Legion, etc.).
- Buckles and Other Miscellaneous Articles of Jewelry -- State size, color, shape, stones, etc.

Note

If any of the above are matched sets (ring, pin, necklace, earrings, bracelet, etc.) so state. State whether costume, antique, or modern type jewelry.

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When officers are personally describing items of recovered jewelry in reports, or the property of an arrestee, indicate colors rather than materials (for example: "Brooch, yellow metal, red and white stones," not "Gold pin with rubies and diamonds."

4.2.3 Household Articles

Give the name of the article being described.

 Rugs -- State size; color or combination of colors; plain or design; whether domestic or oriental; type (Axminster, Wilton, Broadloom, etc.); give maker's name when known; whether fringed

- or bordered; cleaner's marks; all other marks, such as stains, tears, mends, etc.
- <u>Bedding</u> -- (Includes sheets, pillowcases, blankets, spreads, quilts, comforters, mattress covers, etc.). State what article is, then give a complete description of size, color, material, cleaner or laundry marks, and monograms, if any.
- Dishes and Glassware -- State whether complete sets, giving pattern and number of pieces (both china and glass); state whether procelain, pottery, cut glass, blown glass, or just ordinary china or glass. Give maker's label or mark, monograms, or other marks.
- <u>Silverware</u> -- Includes flatware (table silver, knives, forks spoons, etc.), as well as hollow ware (coffee, tea, and chocolate sets; complete silver services). Give maker's label, kind of metal (such as sterling, plated, stainless or pewter); owner's initials or other inscriptions; type of pattern; and number of pieces to set.
- Clocks -- State kind, color, size, movement, and case numbers, if known; whether china, porcelain, bronze, iron, wood, plastic, glass, leather, etc. State whether mantel, kitchen, boudoir, grandfather, traveling, etc.; give maker's label, state whether 8-day type and, if chime clock, kind of chimes (Westminster, etc.).
- Furniture -- State what article is; then give complete description, stating kind of wood or metal, color, kind of material covering, and trimming. In cases of matched sets (such as bedroom, dining or living room furniture), give number of pieces in set, and state number of pieces stolen.
- Radios, Televisions, Stereos, and Tape Recorders:

show maker's label, serial number, whether console, table model, midget, transceiver, portable, low- or high-boy type, size of screen, etc. Give kind of wood or metal; show color and kind of trim, if any.

- Lamps -- State kind (i.e., floor, bridge, table or boudoir); give kind of wood or metal, number of globes, whether reflector type; state whether it has a base light; show kind, color and size of shade. In the case of table and boudoir lamps, state whether statuary, glass, china, pottery, metal base, or other.
- Miscellaneous -- Include ornaments, pictures, statues, bric-a-brac.
 Describe in detail, stating particularly any labels, serial numbers, or other identifying marks.

4.2.4 Other Property

Give the name of the article to be described.

- Firearms -- State maker's name; caliber or gauge; color of metal; serial numbers, type of handles or stocks; note any marks, inscriptions, or initials. State whether revolver, automatic pistol, pumpgun, rifle, or shotgun; number of barrels (if multiple); and shell capacity.
- <u>Tires</u> -- State size, maker's name, color, tread, and serial numbers, if available; state whether mounted on rim with wheel and tube (or tubeless) or alone.
- Drugs -- State amount, kind, manufacturer, container, size, valuation, and any other description available.
- Office Machines -- Includes cash registers, adding machines, typewriters, bookkeeping machines, calculators, check protectors, and other office machines. State maker's name, size, model and serial numbers, color, etc. Also any other marks, labels, or inscriptions.

- <u>Cameras and Accessories, Projectors and Cases</u> -- State maker's name, model number, serial number, lens name and number, and shutter number. State kind of material (plastic, metal, or leather) of camera, projector, and case.
- Electrical Equipment -- Includes toasters, irons, hair dryers, bulbs, sockets, generators, motors, waffle irons, percolators, portable water heaters, bottle warmers, refrigerators, and other electrical equipment. State maker's name, kind of material, color, size, model and serial numbers, and any initials or other marks of inscriptions.
- <u>Building equipment</u> -- includes lath, wire, plaster, bricks, stucco, glass, marble, lumber, roofing material, paint, nails, cement, etc. Give size, color, maker's name, number or amount of articles lost or stolen, and any lot or serial numbers available.
- Optical Goods -- Includes spectacles and cases, opera glasses and binoculars, telescopes and cases, microscopes, refractometers, comparators, and any other optical equipment. State maker's name, color, material of article, as well as case; serial and model numbers (power number or size in case of binoculars, telescopes, etc.); initials or other marks of identification.
- Books -- State name of book, author, publisher's name if known, color and kind of material of binding. State approximate size of book, as well as any inscriptions, such as owner's name, book-plate, or author's signature.
- Medical and Dental Instruments -- Includes stethoscopes, blood-testing apparatus, hyponeedle outfits, etc. State maker's name, size, serial numbers, model numbers, material, color and marks of identification. Also show size and color of case.

- Pianos and Musical Instruments -- Pianos state maker's label and serial number, if any; state if upright, baby grand, spinet, etc.

 Includes banjos, saxophones, guitars, trombones, trumpets, violins, clarinets, piccolos, flutes, etc. State maker's name, color, material number or other marks of identification. Also describe carrying cases.
- Knives -- Includes hunting, pocket, butcher, etc. State color,
 kind of material of handle; numbers, maker's name, inscriptions,
 etc.; also describe carrying case, if any.
- Pen and Pencils -- Includes fountain pens, pen and pencil
 desk sets, etc. Give maker's name, color, size, whether man's
 or woman's, numbers, initials or other marks of identification.
- Smoking Materials -- Includes pipes, tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, lighters, cases, etc. State color and size of pipes; amount of tobacco, number of cigars or cigarettes (box or package or humidor jar), maker's name, etc.
- Sewing Machines -- State maker's name, brand name, serial
 number of both machine and motor; state whether table or portable
 type, and any other marks or inscriptions.
- Sporting Goods -- Includes fishing poles, tackle, lines, tents
 and awnings, skis, snow shoes, toboggans, golf clubs, rackets,
 etc. State maker's name, numbers, color, kind of material,
 and initials or other inscriptions.
- Groceries -- State kind of article and amount, brand label, and any other general description available.
- Toilet Articles and Cosmetics -- Includes brushes, combs, mirrors, perfume bottles, manicure sets, powder, perfume, cold cream, shampoo, toothpaste, lipstick, hair oil, soap, etc. State size, color, material, maker's or brand name, initials, numbers or other marks of identification.

- Tools -- Includes carpenter's plumber's electrician's,
 machinist's mechanic's, etc. State kind of tool, serial
 number, maker or brand name, initials or other marks of identification. State number of tools lost or stolen, and size.
- Animals, Birds, and Fish -- Includes dogs, cats, horses, pigs, cows, poultry, birds, goldfish, snakes, etc. State kind of animal, bird, or fish: size, color, name, age; license number, if any; and other description available.
- <u>Automobile Supplies and Equipment</u> -- Includes spotlights, wheels, tubes, carburetors, spark plugs, bumpers, etc. (other than tires). State size, color, maker's name, serial numbers, number of articles, and other marks of identification.
- <u>Leather Goods</u> -- Includes trunks, suitcases, purses, briefcases, sample cases, belts, suspenders, saddles, billfolds, etc.
 State size, color, maker's name, serial numbers, initials, or other marks of identification.
- Bicycles -- State name, size of frame, size of wheels, color, kind of seat, brake, number of speeds, boy's or girl's, tires, baskets, horns, lights, serial number and license number, if known; and initials and other identifying marks.

5.1 Crime Report

The Crime Report (see figure 1) is used to record the circumstances of all criminal offenses coming to the attention of the police, regardless of the value of property taken, extent of injury, or likelihood of successful prosecution except:

• Traffic and some other citable violations disposed of by means of a citation.

Figure 1. Crime Report

CRIME REPORT Springfield Police Department

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- Offenses that are reported on optional crime-specific report
 forms such as the Abandoned Vehicle Report and the Bicycle Report.
 Miscellaneous reports will be made through Word Processing Center
 in the normal manner.
- See section 6 for a tabulation of specific offenses and incidents
 matched to the appropriate form.

5.1.1 Body of Report

Complete the entry for each item as follows:

Box 1 <u>District</u>

Enter the number of the district where the crime occurred.

- When more than one page of the Crime Report is needed to record information, enter the number of pages in a report.

 The reporting officer will sequentially number the pages of the report. The first page is numbered 1, the second page is numbered 2 and so forth until the report is completed.

 He will fill in the "of_____" when he has finished the report and is able to record the total number of pages.
- Box 3 <u>Sector</u>
 This box will be filled out by Crime Analysis personnel only.
- Box 4 <u>UCR Code</u>

 This box will be filled out by the UCR coding clerk only.
- Box 5 Connect with Supplementary/Crime Analysis Report

 Indicate if Supplementary or Crime Analysis Report forms were

completed on the case. (The Crime Analysis Report is not yet in use).

Box 6 Complaint No.

The complaint number will be obtained from the dispatcher and entered by the reporting officer.

• Box 7 Incident

The reporting officer should enter the title which most accurately describes the incident in accordance with state statute or city ordinance. If more than one crime or incident results from a single occurrence, all would be indicated in this box.

Box 8 Location (Address of Occurrence)

The reporting officer will enter the complete location of the incident including the street address and/or the name of the apartment complex, subdivision, or hotel, if applicable. When no specific address can be connected with the location of occurrence, indicate as: "Rear of 241 S. Main St.," "S/W corner of 5th and Broadway Sts.," "Fargo St., 1-2/10 miles W of Bridge 102."

• Box 9 .Time of Occurrence

"M" is box for month of occurrence, "D" is day of occurrence,
"Y" is year of occurrence, and "T" is time of occurrence. The
officer should record this information to the best of his
knowledge, entering an approximate range if exact time is not
known.

• Box 10 Time Reported

"M" is box for month in which incident was reported, "D" is for day, "Y" for year, and "T" for time.

Box 11 Type of Premises

The reporting officer will note the type of premise in which the crime occurred. This aids in investigation and in recalling the event for purposes of testimony. For example, "gas station," "grocery store," "residence," etc.

• Box 12 Occupants Present

Indicate "yes" or "no" as to whether occupants were present at time of incident.

• Box 13 Premises Locked

Indicate "yes" or "no" if premises were locked at time of incident.

Box 14 Used Force

Indicate "yes" or "no" as to whether force was used.

Box 15 Weapon/Means of Attack

The reporting officer will describe the type of weapon used in the commission of a person-to-person crime. If a property crime, the means of attack (prying open, breaking window, etc.) will be indicated.

Box 16 Point and Means of Entry

This box, as number 17, is particularly useful in property crimes. In this box, the officer should describe point of entry by the suspect, and means used to secure entry (ladder to roof, etc.).

• Box 17 Point and Means of Exit

Indicate how and where the perpetrator got out of the building.

Box 18 Victim's Name (Last, F, M; or Firm)

The reporting officer will enter the last name, first name, and the middle initial of the victim. In cases where the victim is a business or corporate group, the firm name will be entered in this box and the reporting person will be listed in the "Witness" section with an "R" code.

Box 19 <u>Victim's Address</u>

The officer will enter the full home address of the victim in this space. If the victim was a business, record the business' address.

Box 20 If Business

If the victim was a business, check whether it was a corporation, sole ownership, or partnership. This information is important to prosecution of a perpetrator.

- Box 21 Age
 The reporting officer will record the age of the victim.
- Box 22 Race

 The reporting officer will provide the race of the victim.
- Box 23 <u>Sex</u>

 The reporting officer will note the sex of the victim.
- Box 24 <u>Hours Worked</u>
 The officer will record what hours the victim usually works at a job, or is at school.

Box 25 <u>Home Phone</u>

The victim's home telephone number is recorded in this box. Include area code if other than 417.

- Box 26 Place Employed/School Attended

 If victim is employed, enter place of employment. If attends school, enter name of school.
- Box 27 <u>Business Phone</u>
 The victim's business or school telephone should be entered.
- Box 28 Name of Injured Person(s)
 If applicable, the full name of the injured person or persons

should be filled in this box.

Box 29 <u>Nature of Injury</u>

Reporting officer enters the nature of injury that the victim suffered.

Box 30 Hospital

Reporting officer will enter the name of the hospital to which the injured party was taken.

Box 31 Admitted

Check whether the injured person was actually admitted to the hospital listed in Box 30.

• Box 32 Attending Physician

Record the name of the attending physician.

• Box 33 Code

The reporting officer will enter the letter code in this column, for each person listed, as to that person's relationship to the incident.

Box 34 Name

The full name of each witness should be listed in this column.

• Box 35 Age

Enter the person's age.

Box 36 Address/or Checked

This section has a dual purpose. If a person is listed in Box 34, enter his address here. If Box 34 is blank, an entry here indicates an address checked for further information or a suspect.

• Box 37 Phone (Days)

Enter the phone number of a person listed in Box 34 where he can be reached during the day.

Box 38 Information Provided

Enter a very brief indication of what information the person listed in Box 34 provided. For example, "saw suspect," "got license number," etc.

• Box 39 Statement

Enter an "X" in this box if the person listed in Box 34 gave a written statement in the case.

• Box 40 Vehicle Status

The officer will check the box(es) which best describes the relationship of the vehicle to the incident (1) Stolen (2) Recovered (3) Damaged (Vandalism) (4) Target (broken into, entered for theft, etc.) (5) Towed (6) Suspect.

• Box 41 Color Top/Bottom

Enter the color of the vehicle in this box. If two colors are involved, the officer will enter the top color of the vehicle on the left, and the bottom color in the right portion of the box. For example, white/blue indicates a white top over a blue body.

• Box 42 Year

The reporting officer will enter the year of manufacture of the vehicle.

Box 43 Make

The reporting officer will enter the vehicle manufacturer. For example, Ford, Chevrolet, Harley-Davidson, etc.

Box 44 Model

The reporting officer will enter the vehicle model. For example, Torino, Mustang, Nova, Booneville, etc.

Box 45 Style

Enter the style of the vehicle. For example stationwagon, 2-door, 4-door, pickup, etc.

Box 46 <u>Vehicle Identification Number</u>

The reporting officer shall record the vehicle identification number.

• Box 47 Reg. No.

Enter the license number of the vehicle.

Box 48 State

Enter the name of the state issuing the license plate.

• Box 49 Year

Enter the year of the license plate.

• Box 50 Identifying Characteristics

The reporting officer will enter in this box any unusual or outstanding characteristics of the vehicle that would help in identification.

• Box 51 Value

Enter as near as possible the value of the vehicle, if stolen or the value of damage if the target of vandalism.

• Box 52 Insured

Indicate either "yes" or "no" as to whether the vehicle was insured at the time of the incident.

• Box 53 Insured By

If the vehicle was insured, enter the name of the insurance company.

• Box 54 Shp No. (NCIC Entry)

The entry code for MULES/NCIC computer reporting of the vehicle stolen. If the reporting officer has the vehicle entered, he should record this code as provided by Communications.

• Box 55 Vehicle Damage

If the vehicle was damaged, the officer should mention what type of damage occurred or was observed on the vehicle.

Box 56 Wanted No.

If a wanted was issued on the vehicle, that number will be recorded in this box by the reporting officer.

• Box 57 Property Status

The reporting officer will check the box which best describes the relationship of the property to the incident (1) Stolen (2) Recovered (3) Damaged (Vandalism).

• Box 58 Insured

Indicate "yes" or "no" as to whether the property was insured at the time of the incident.

• Box 59 Insured By

If the property was insured, enter the name of the insurance company.

• Box 60 Shp No. (NCIC Entry)

The entry code for MULES/NCIC computer reporting of the property stolen. If the reporting officer has the property entered, he should record this code as provided by Communications.

Box 61 Value

Enter as near as possible the total value of property stolen or the loss to vandalized property.

• Box 62 Quantity

Enter the quantity of property item described in box 63.

Box 63 Description

The reporting officer will describe each item fully, indicaing the specific type of property, its material, color, size, model, etc., and note value of the item.

• Box 64 Brand

Enter the brand name of each item listed.

Box 65 Serial Number

Enter the serial number of each item listed.

• Box 66 Markings

The reporting officer enters any known identification added since purchase. This would include any personal markings, such as Operation ID, etc.

• Box 67 Scene Processed By

Enter the name of the officer who processed the scene.

• Box 68 Juvenile

If a juvenile was the victim, suspect or person arrested, check the appropriate box.

Box 69 Reporting Officer/DSN

The signature of the reporting officer and his department serial number should be recorded.

• Box 70 Notified

Check appropriate box as to notifications from the scene.

Check either Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Medical

Examiner (ME), or other ((Write in who: "Family Services,"

"prosecutor," etc.)

• Box 71 Field Follow-up Authorized

The Patrol Review Officer (Box 72) will check "yes" or "no" as to field follow-up authorization.

Box 72 Patrol Review/Authorized By

The name of the field supervisor who reviewed the report and/or authorized a field follow-up investigation in the case.

Box 73 Field Clearance By

If the case was cleared by patrol in the field, the field supervisor will check whether by arrest or determined unfounded.

Box 74 N/C -- CID Review and Assignment By

This entry is made by a supervisor in the Criminal Investigative Division. The supervisor's signature indicates a CID review of the case and further assignment.

Box 75 Detective Assigned

If a detective is assigned to the case, his name is entered by the CID supervisor.

• Box 76 Using Codes

For each suspect, enter the appropriate code from line 33 vehicle indicate who can identify the listed suspect.

• Box 77 Suspect Name

The reporting officer will enter any or all of the name or nickname of any suspect in the case, if any name is known.

• Box 78 Possible Location

Enter any information as to where the suspect might be found. For example, home address, hangouts, etc.

• Box 79 Description

Record available clothing description, peculiarities, etc.

of each suspect. In the boxes indicate sex, race, age, height,

weight, hair color and eye color. Complexion, build, facial

or head hair descriptions, glasses, etc. May be described in this

section or indicate "see narrative," and include them there.

Box 80 Relationship to Victim

If known, the relationship of the suspect to the victim should be noted in this box. For example, ex-husband, employee, etc.

• Box 81 Arrested

Indicate by "yes" or "no" if the suspect was arrested and held in jail.

• Box 82 Wanted No.

If a wanted was issued on the suspect, that number will be recorded in this box by the reporting officer.

Narrative

Any information that cannot be completed in the boxes, or additional to the boxes, should be placed in narrative form.

If space is not sufficient, continue to a Supplementary Report form.

5.1.2 Solvability Factors

Solvability factors are included on the report form as boxes vertically alligned down the right side, and lettered A through M. The solvability factors are thirteen essential questions that need direct answers. They act as a memory aid for the reporting officer to obtain the kind of information required for the most efficient handling of the case. They also aid in the early investigation or termination of a case, thus saving organizational time.

The thirteen solvability factors are based on the careful research and analysis of several police department as to what information was dominant in the successful clearances of crime cases. They are listed on the officers' Investigative Checklist (See Figure 2) and are as follows:

- A Was there a witness to the crime?
- B Can a suspect be named?
- C Can a suspect be located?
- D Can a suspect be described?
- E Can a suspect be identified?
- F Can a suspect's vehicle be identified?
- G Is the stolen property traceable?

Figure 2. Investigative Checklist

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INVESTIGATIVE CHECKLIST (SOLVABILITY FACTORS)

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A. WAS THERE A WITNESS TO THE CRIME?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX A ⇒
B. CAN A SUSPECT BE NAMED?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX B ⇒
C. CAN A SUSPECT BE LOCATED?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX C ⇒
D. CAN A SUSPECT BE DESCRIBED?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX D ⇒
E. CAN A SUSPECT BE IDENTIFIED?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX E⇒
F. CAN A SUSPECT'S VEHICLE BE IDENTIFIED?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX F⇒
G. IS THE STOLEN PROPERTY TRACEABLE?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX G□>
H. IS THERE A SIGNIFICANT M. O. PRESENT?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX H
I. IS THERE SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE PRESENT?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX I⇔
J. WAS THE CRIME SCENE PROCESSED WITH POSITIVE RESULTS?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX J□>
IS THERE SIGNIFICANT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CRIME K. MAY BE SOLVED WITH REASONABLE INVESTIGATION?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX K
L. OTHER THAN THE SUSPECT TO HAVE COMMITTED THE CRIME?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX L
M. WILL THE VICTIM PROSECUTE?	IF YES, PLACE AN "X" IN BOX M⇒

- H Is there a significant M.O. present?
- I Is there significant physical evidence present?
- J Was the crime scene processed with positive results?
- K Is there significant reason to believe that the crime may be solved with reasonable investigation?
- L Is there a definite limited opportunity for anyone other than the suspect to have committed the crime?
- M Will the victim prosecute?

The reporting officer will place the plasticized Investigative Checklist containing the solvability factors over the Crime Report, matching the appropriate question to the lettered box. He will put an "X" in each box where he answers the question "yes" and leaves the boxes blank where he answers "no."

5.2 Supplementary Report

The Supplementary Report (See Figure 3) is used for the following purposes by either CID or Patrol:

- As a continuation for any other report when additional space is needed.
- To furnish additional information to a previously reported incident.
- To record progress of a continuing investigation.
- To close an investigation.

5.2.1 Body of Report

Complete the entry for each item as follows:

- Box 1 Item #
 - Enter the number assigned to the original report to which this Supplementary Report relates.
- Box 2 Suspects

Mark the appropriate box. If yes, put further information in the narrative.

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Box 3 Location (Address of Occurrence)

See Box 8, section 5.1.1, page

Box 4 <u>District</u>

District where the incident occurred.

Box 5 <u>Sector</u>

Sector where the incident occurred.

Box 6 <u>Classification of Report</u> Indicate whether this report is a continuation of a Crime Report or a Supplementary report to the Crime Report.

- Box 7 Type of Report

 Enter the type incident from Box 7 of the Crime Report.
- Box 7a <u>Type of Report</u>
 Enter the type of incident as reclassified from the original report, if applicable.
- Box 8 <u>Victim</u>
 Enter the name of the victim or principal person involved
 from the original report.
- Box 8a <u>Victim</u>
 Enter the name of the victim or principal person involved as reclassified, if applicable.
- Box 9 <u>Date</u>
 Enter the date of the incident as originally reported.
- Box 9a <u>Date</u>
 Enter the reclassified date of the incident, if applicable.
- Box 10 <u>Date and Time Reported</u>

 Enter the date and time the Supplementary Report was completed.
- Box 11 <u>Contacted</u>

 If the complainant was contacted during followup and no further information was obtained, put an "X" in the box and

record the date and time of the contact.

• Box 12 Contacted

If the witness(es) listed were contacted during follow up and no additional information was obtained, put an "X" in the box and record the date and time of the contact.

- Box 13 <u>Unable</u>
 Self-explanatory.
- Box 14 <u>Narrative</u>
 Self-explanatory.
- Box 15 Reporting Officer
 Name and department serial number of reporting officer.
- Box 16 Approved By

 Name and department serial number of the supervisor of the reporting officer.

• Box 17 Logged By

For use by CID -- Name and departmental serial number of CID supervisor logging the case.

Box 18 Status

Indicate the status of the case as of the time the Supplementary Report is completed.

6. OFFENSES AND INCIDENTS

The following tabulation relates specific offenses and incidents to the appropriate report form within the Springfield Police Department Records System. This list is comprehensive but not intended to be all-inclusive.

Incident	Report Form
Abandoned vehicle	Abandoned Car
Abandonment of refrigerators	WPC from Officers' Work Sheet
Abusive language	Crime
Accidental injury or death	WPC from Officers' Work Sheet
Accident, traffic	Traffic Accident

Report Form

Additional information Supplementary

Arson . Crime

Assault Crime

Attempts Crime

Auto theft Crime

Bad Checks Crime

Battery Crime

Bicycle theft Bicycle Larceny

Bicycle found (to be picked up) Found Bicycle

Bigamy Crime

Bomb or bomb threat Crime

Breaking and entering Crime

Bribery Crime

Burglary or unlawful entry Crime

Burning trash illegally WPC from Officers' Work Sheet

Checks

Child neglect or abuse Crime

Child abandonment Crime

Confidence game Crime

Conspiracy to commit a crime Crime

Contributing to delinquency Crime

Counterfeit money or securities Crime

Crime against nature Crime

Cruelty to animals Crime

Damage to property Crime

Dangerous excavations WPC from Officers' Work Sheet

Deaths - noncriminal WPC from officers' Work Sheet

Report Form

Discharging firearms Crime

Disorderly conduct (aggravated) Crime or Arrest*

Disturbance (aggravated)

Crime or Arrest*

Dog bite

WPC from Officers' Work Sheet

Driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs Arrest

Driving without owner's consent WPC from Officers' Work Sheet

Drugs - narcotics (sale) Crime

Drunkenness Detention

Embezzlement Crime

Escape Crime

Extortion Crime

False bomb alarm . Crime

False pretenses - theft Crime

Firearms - illegal possession or use Crime or Arrest*

Forgery

Fortune-telling Crime

Found property Crime & Property Log

Fraud Crime

Gambling and related offenses Crime or Arrest*

Hit and run (traffic accident) Traffic Accident & Hit and Run

Homicide Crime

Hotel fraud Crime

Impersonation of officer Crime

Incest Crime

Indecent exposure Crime

Junk dealer, violations Crime

Report Form

Kidnapping Crime

Larceny - all types (except bicycle) Crime

Lewd phone calls Crime

License violations Crime

Liquor violations Crime or Arrest*

Lost person aided WPC from Officers' Work Sheet

Lost property WPC from Officers' Work Sheet

Malicious mischief Crime

Mayhem Crime

Missing persons WPC from Officers' Work Sheet

Murder Crime

Obscene matter Crime

Peeping Tom Crime

Perversion Crime

Pickpocket Crime

Prostitution Crime or Arrest*

Prowler Crime

Pursesnatch Crime

Rape Crime

Recovered Vehicle Crime

Resisting Arrest Crime

Robbery

Runaway WPC from Officers' Work Sheet

Safe burglary Crime

Seduction Crime

Sex offenses Crime

Weapons, carrying or possession of

Report Form

Shoplifting	Crime
Sick or injured person - aided	WPC from Officers' Work Sheet
Stinkbombs, depositing	Crime
Stolen property - receiving, possessing, etc.	Crime
Stray animal	WPC from Officers' Work Sheet
Suicide (or attempt)	WPC from Officers' Work Sheet
Supplementary information	Supplementary
Swindling	Crime
Tampering with auto	Crime
Threats	Crime
Traffic Accident	Traffic Accident

Generally, only an Arrest Report need be prepared for on-view detention for drunkenness or arrests for disorderly conduct, drug or narcotics possession, illegal possession of firearms or other weapons, gambling, liquor violations, prostitution, or driving while under the influence. The arrest Report alone is considered sufficient to record this type of offense, because such offenses do not involve a victim (except in the technical sense). In some instances, aggravated circumstances or a continuing violation may make preparation of a Crime Report desirable.

Crime or Arrest*

7. PROCESSING

The processing portion of the records management system addressed here is for the purpose of <u>Crime Reports</u> and <u>Supplementary Reports</u> only. The current procedures for miscellaneous reports to be made through the telephonic recorder dictation system of the Word Processing Center (WPC) will remain unchanged. There is also no change in the processing methods for Traffic Accident Reports, Larceny Reports, Abandoned Car Reports, Bicycle Larceny Reports or other departmental forms.

7.1 Crime Reports

The records management flow is as follows:

- Accurate and legible Crime Reports should be completed by the reporting officer at the scene of the incident so as to expedite the return of the officer to service.
- The reporting officer will give the completed Crime Report to his zone supervisor for review as soon as he has the opportunity to do so.
- The field zone supervisor will make an overall review of the completed document and, if acceptable, approve its submission. Generally, this review amounts to checking the report for propriety, essential information, clarity and legibility. This step provides quality control to the system.
- If the supervisor approves a field follow up, he will review and sign the report. He will then make a xerox copy for the officer's use in field follow up and continue with the process as follows:
- The field zone supervisor will take the approved reports to the Word Processing Center as he has opportunity throughout the shift.
- WPC personnel will xerox two copies of all <u>confidential</u> reports, seal the original and copies in an envelope, and mark them appropriately for distribution to:
 - Administration
 - CID
 - Juvenile
- WPC personnel will zerox three copies of the Crime Reports, with the following distribution made:
 - Original in daily "duplicates" for the records personnel.

Exception:

Any Crime Report <u>naming</u> a suspect will have ONE xerox copy made with the bottom section (SUSPECT) deleted. This copy becomes the one for usage in the daily "duplicates." The original will be used as a CID copy.

- two copies to CID (original and one copy where there is a named suspect).
- one copy to Crime Analysis Section. (Used also for UCR classifying).
- Records personnel will then proceed with the departmental system of report indexing, including the Master Name File and micro fische files.

7.2 Supplementary Reports

The records management flow is as follows:

- Officers or detectives complete an accurate and legible Supplementary Report.
- The reporting officer gives the completed Supplementary Report to his supervisor for review and approval.
- The supervisor forwards the original to records personnel and one copy to the Crime Analysis Section.

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