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Submitted herewith is the grantee's progress report for the period shown above.

Homer G. Williams
Project Director (signature)

Homer G. Williams (Sgt.)
(Typed Name and Title)

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CIVIL DISORDERS
AND
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM
GRANT NO.

GRIFFIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

Sgt. Homer Williams

In the year 1972, we had two juveniles that were sent to Training School from the (Spring Hill) area. In the past there were that many sent in one month to Training School. Also, in 1972, we had five cases in Juvenile Court from the (Spring Hill) area and in the past we have had about three cases per month.

In the three months that we are open all day we have kept a close record, as follows:

<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
June - 17	June - 26	June - 15	June - 14
July - 34	July - 24	July - 9	July - 15
Aug. - 34	Aug. - 34	Aug. - 21	Aug. - 18
Total- 83	Total- 84	Total- 45	Total- 47

Before 1969, we were well over 100 arrests during these three months each year. We have had over 50% decrease in drinking under age and vandalism arrests in the past two years.

<u>Vandalism</u>	;	<u>Drinking Under Age</u>
1967-68 - 21 arrests		1967-68 - 59 arrests
1969-70 - 20 arrests		1969-70 - 46 arrests
1971-72 - 5 arrests		1971-72 - 26 arrests

Even though we feel the Center has been a great asset to the Community, we are still trying to get more people involved.

In the month of October we transported a First Grade Class of under-privileged children to Atlanta to Grant's Park to enjoy the Zoo and a picnic lunch.

The Women's Club, Men's Club and Teen Club sold candy apples and gave a Christmas dance to raise money for toys, fruit, candy, gum and other things for Christmas for the people in the Community. Toys were donated to the Center and they were cleaned and repaired by the Staff and the three Clubs. These were given to the children in the community who did not receive any for Christmas. Also about 2,500 bags of fruit, candy, gum and nuts were prepared and distributed all over the entire City. These were distributed by the policemen who were on duty. Each unit took over 100 bags and during their regular patrol they gave out the bags to the children.

During the Christmas Holidays a Christmas Party was given for all the small children. We had about 60 to attend. A tree was decorated and put on top of the Center.

The Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Programs in the schools we feel, have been some of our better activities.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOOLS

The Prevention Program which we have in the schools includes Color Books and Crayons. The Police Community Relations Unit and the Communication Officers take the books and crayons to all nurseries, kindergartens and first grades in our County. The book illustrates the policeman and police-woman in all phases of their work. Also Child Molesting Prevention Rules which are in picture form with a short sentence that is easy to understand is passed out. We talk with these young people and explain to them the color books and child molesting prevention rules. This activity takes in approximately 1700 children between the ages of six months and six years old.

An Outstanding Student Award Certificate was made up by Sgt. Homer Williams and is given out through the cooperation of the School System and each teacher in the elementary grades. The Certificate is not given on grades alone, but includes conduct, getting along with other students and teachers and good citizenship. The winners of each certificate also receives a free pass to a local movie. These passes are donated by the movie. The Certificate is given each nine weeks and is given one in each room to a student chosen by the teacher. It is presented by a policeman, in uniform. There are 214

awarded each nine weeks and 856 in a school year. This activity gets the policeman before approximately 6,000 students, four times a year. An Outstanding Student Award List is carried back to each school at the end of the nine weeks and a list of every student who won a certificate is given to each teacher and principal to post in the office and in each room.

A Bicycle Safety Rule Booklet is given to every child in the elementary grades. This booklet gives safety rules and safety tips on how to take care of bicycles. These rules and tips are explained by the policeman when given to the students. Again, this gives the policeman a chance to get before the 6,000 elementary students.

A Message To Fathers booklet is given to each elementary student (6,000). This is usually given out at the same time as the Bicycle Safety Booklet. The message is a reminder to fathers to drive the way he tells his children to drive.

A Message To Our Boys and Girls is a folder that was prepared by Sgt. Williams for students in the elementary schools from the second through the sixth grades. This booklet tells rules to prevent child molesting. Each child in these grades receives a booklet (approximately 1500 students). The booklet gives laws pertaining to Juveniles and tells why there are

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juveniles laws. This booklet is passed out to each room by the policeman and at that time the laws are discussed.

Drug Abuse Talks and Discussions were held in all the schools during the past two or three years. Sgt. Williams has talked to approximately 95% of the children in the school system and has given talks to schools in the surrounding counties.

OTHER PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Other prevention activities the Police Community Relations Unit has had ties in with Community Relations such as drug talks to churches, church groups, parent-teacher associations, business groups, teachers, civic clubs, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and others. We feel these talks have included about 65% of the people in our County.

It is the feelings of the Police Community Relations Unit that in forming Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts groups that this will be good for public relations and an aid in preventing juvenile delinquency. The boys are taught scouting and the workers are constantly in touch with the parents of the boys.

At this time we have one Boy Scout Troop and one Cub Scout Pack. Others will be formed in the near future. We have approximately 85 boys who are now involved in scouting. Most of their parents receive Welfare Assistance and a program is worked out with the Welfare Department so that these boys may be able to go to scout camp.

One and two-day Seminars have been held at the Chamber of Commerce on Burglary Prevention. Folders are passed out and suggestions given on how to protect business concerns from burglaries. The process of the Police Department in checking out businesses and buildings are explained and questions answered.

A folder on worthless checks and credit cards is given out and the laws discussed. Rules and tips are given on the prevention of receiving bad checks or credit cards that are not legitimate.

Let's Fight Shoplifting is a folder prepared by the Police Department which is distributed giving the laws in relation to shoplifting and the type of person to be aware of and what to do to prevent people from shoplifting in the various businesses, or stores. All the seminars held have proven to be an assistance to the businessman.

In case of Civil Disorders, we feel the following plans would be most effective:

CIVIL DISORDERS

In order to prevent any civil disorders or to be able to have a working plan if there are civil disorders, whether in the schools or in the streets, we feel that the following things will help us:

We have from the start of our program worked to get the people involved in the activities who were the same people who had been strong leaders of past civil disorders.

A Teen Club has been organized and there are presently 30 to 40 teenagers involved. These young people help to operate the center and they are always sponsoring activities to raise money for the Center. They keep up with the sick and needy and help them in many ways. Members have gone out into the community and helped people who were unable to help themselves doing such jobs as cleaning yards, painting a fence and replacing mailboxes on a newly paved street.

The Teen Club assisted the Center during Senior Citizens Week to get the names of shut-ins from the Welfare Department and along with the Women's Community Club of Griffin,

helped give them a picnic and attour of the City and County. The Mayor and one of the City Commissioners were present at this affair. Some of the people had never seen an official of the City of Griffin.

Members of the Teen Club are involved with most of the activities at the Center. They plan all the dances and assist the other clubs within the Center to sponsor the dances. They assist in the Scouting and other outside activities.

The Women's Community Club of Griffin is a club that meets once a month in our Center. Before the Center was opened these women had to meet in each other's homes. Now we provide them with a meeting place free of charge. They have become involved in the activities of the Center. On one occasion they planned a program for patients at the State Mental Hospital and the Police Community Relations Unit furnished the transportation and took part in the program.

The Women's Community Club is a club that was organized at the Center. The women involved are mothers of children who now use the facilities at the Center. These ladies assist with the small children and plan activities that will help the young people, the Center and the Community as a whole.

The Men's Community Club is a club that has been organized by the Police Community Relations Unit, like the

Women's Club for the purpose of assisting the Unit in the Center and in the Community. These men assist with the dances that are held at the Center and they also help keep the Center clean.

It is the belief of the Police Community Relations Unit that these four clubs would be of a great value in the time of any civil disorder, in the streets or in the schools. There are approximately 125 people involved in the four clubs. About 50% of these are potential leaders and we would have good contact with the people involved in any civil disorder through these clubs.

Other activities which the Police Community Relations Unit are involved in that would be of value to the City in case of civil disorders are:

Working with the Student Councils in the High School and in the Junior High Schools. The Student Councils at the Junior High Schools only meet about four or five times a year but we have tried to meet with them at the beginning of the school year and near the end. Through the Student Councils the Police Community Relations Unit has had at least one chapel program a year at the Junior High Schools and at the High School.

Through the cooperation of the Student Council and the School Administration the Police Community Relations Unit

meets once a month with the High School Student Council and programs are coordinated to involve the police and the students. The Police Community Relations Unit has the following plan in the event of school disorders:

Be Able to Contact Source to Identify"

- (a) The Problem
- (b) Who started it.
- (c) Why Was It Started.
- (d) How Can It Be Solved.

Once this has been done the leaders involved will be contacted and a meeting set up with the Student Council to work up a recommended solution. Once this has been done the leaders of the Student Council and the leaders of the dissenting factions will meet with the Administrative Personnel to discuss the recommended solutions.

The Police Community Relations Unit is involved with other groups such as:

The InterAgency - This is different from other organizations in that it deals with the Public Welfare Department, Family and Childrens Services, Health Department, Hospital, Boys Club, Scouting, School Systems, City and County Government and other public agencies. The purpose for this organization is to give everyone a better understanding of what each agency is doing and what they can offer people and to work together.

Through the cooperation of a group of young people and adults from the First Baptist Church of Griffin and Teen Club, we have Vacation Bible School and Training Union every Sunday night. We have approximately 75 young people involved in each one of these activities. These young people are children who have never been to Church.

Sgt. Williams is on a panel with representatives from the School System, Family and Childrens Services, Health Department and Churches. In January, 1973, these people will receive two weeks of schooling in Drug Abuse.

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CONCLUSION

On May 1, 1971, when the Police Youth Community Center was opened approximately 80% of our young people who were getting into trouble came from within a three mile radius of the building. Now, a year later, only approximately 5% of our young people who are getting into trouble come from this area. A continuous record is being kept on the arrests of the young people and also the number of young people and adults who are using the facilities at the Police Youth Community Center.

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