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MEMO

TO: Chittenden County Law Enforcement Agencies

FROM: Thomas J. Donovan, Jr., and Andrew Strauss

RE: Citation Protocol for Juvenile Misdemeanants--REVISED

DATE: December 5, 2012

Beginning November 15, 2012, for all misdemeanor offenses (excluding motor vehicle offenses, partner domestic assaults, stalking, and assaults on law enforcement officers), juveniles under the age of 18 years old should be cited into juvenile (rather than adult) court. Such citations shall follow regular juvenile citation procedures. Officers are further encouraged to give the juvenile the citation as soon as possible after the date of the incident, taking into account reasonable time necessary for investigation.

EXCEPTION: If the officer believes that a citation to adult court is more appropriate (given the juvenile's history, other pending adult charges, the nature of the particular offense, etc.), the officer should contact the State's Attorney's Office, which may authorize an adult court citation.

This protocol does not prevent law enforcement from referring such juveniles directly to the Community Justice Center or other local reparative board, should the officer find it appropriate to do so.