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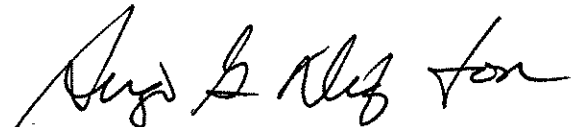
SUBJECT: SAFE CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE AT AREA STATION LOBBIES

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

This Notice establishes the use of Area station lobbies as Safe Child Custody Exchange locations. The role of the Department during child custody exchanges is to keep the peace. Officers should advise parents/guardians that only those parties specified in the court order should make the custody exchange, and that both parties should be present during the exchange. Parents/guardians may not drop off children at Area stations to facilitate custody exchanges, and at no time should children be left unattended.

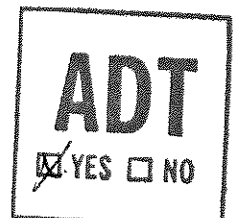
Family court orders are civil in nature. Therefore, violations do not represent an independent cause for arrest. If one parent/guardian is late for the exchange, officers should advise the complaining parent/guardian that being late for a custody exchange should be addressed in the court that originated the custody agreement. If the parent/guardian is insistent on a report, officers should contact the Area watch commander or detective supervisor for advice.

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