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**CITY OF FERGUSON  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

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Homicide Investigations

Major Case Squad

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**MAJOR CASE SQUAD**

426.00 PURPOSE:

This General Order establishes the procedure to activate the St Louis Area Major Case Squad for investigation of a homicide in the City of Ferguson and to provide detectives for Major Case Squad investigations in other jurisdictions.

426.01 PROCEDURE- HOMICIDE IN FERGUSON:

- A. When there is a homicide that may require the Major Case Squad's assistance, the Watch Commander on duty is responsible for total protection of the crime scene and will cordon off the area and remove all unauthorized persons until the scene is reviewed by the Chief of Police and the Commander of the Detective Bureau. The Major Case Squad must be contacted within four hours of the discovery of the body.
- B. The Commander of the Detective Bureau will respond immediately to the crime scene. He will make sure that the scene is preserved so that squad members might handle the crime scene search without having been previously gone over. Once on the scene, the Commander of the Detective Bureau will be in charge of the scene and the investigation unless relieved of his duties by the Chief of Police.
- C. If the Chief of Police decides to request the Major Case Squad, he or his designee will notify the Ladue Police Department at 993-1214.
- D. The Ladue Police Department will notify the Major Case Squad Commander or Chief Deputy Commander who will contact the Chief of Police of Ferguson.
- E. On arrival, the Major Case Squad Commander will be provided with all the information necessary to continue the investigation
- F. The Commander or a supervisor of the Ferguson Detective Bureau will make all the necessary logistical arrangements to insure the operation of the Major Case Squad.

426.02 PROCEDURE - CALL OUT FOR ANOTHER JURISDICTION:

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When the Ferguson Police Department representative to the Major Case Squad is contacted for activation, he will notify his supervisor who will in turn contact the Chief of Police and advise that a call out for the Major Case Squad has been requested. The Chief of Police will authorize the activation. Once authorize, a member of this Departments Major Case Squad investigators will be assigned to the investigation.

By order of:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colonel Thomas Jackson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

COLONEL THOMAS JACKSON  
Chief of Police

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