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

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RAPE AND SERIOUS SEX OFFENSES

435.00 PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish procedures for police personnel in response to a rape or serious sex offense.

435.01 PROCEDURE

- A. When a rape or serious sex offense is reported in the City of Ferguson, the dispatcher will dispatch a Patrol unit to the scene and immediately notify the Watch Commander. The Watch Commander will notify or cause to be notified, the Commander of Operational Support. If needed, they will be requested to have a detective respond to the scene.
- B. The first responding officer will make sure the victim of the sex crime is safe and, if needed, receives emergency medical treatment. This officer will be responsible for securing the crime scene (when applicable).
- C. If a detective is requested at the scene, he will be immediately briefed of all known information by the responding officer or the Watch Commander. The detective will assume immediate command of the investigation at this point.
- D. The detective in charge of the investigation of the rape or sex crime will be responsible for determining if any additional assistance is necessary. If additional Operational Support assistance is needed, he will notify his supervisor.

By order of:



COLONEL THOMAS JACKSON
Chief of Police

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