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

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PHOTOGRAPHING/RECORDING OF CRIME SCENES

455.00 PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish guidelines authorizing photographing and recording of a crime scene by Crime Scene Technicians.

455.01 POLICY

It is the policy of this Department that the photographing and recording of a crime scene is assigned to a trained Crime Scene Technician with the approval of a supervisor. All photographs or recordings of value are submitted as evidence and not released outside the judicial system without the approval of the Chief of Police.

It is also the policy of this Police Department that all commissioned and civilian employees are prohibited from photographing, video or audio recording any crime scene, accident scene, training activity or official function unless done in an official capacity on behalf of the Chief of Police.

Commissioned and civilian employees are prohibited from releasing, distributing or posting on any cyber site, any photograph, audio or video recording obtained as part of an investigation without the consent from the Chief of Police.

For additional information see *G.O. 427.00 Crime Scene Investigation/ID Procedures*

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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All Department Personnel