

NEW CANAAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER: 90-7-83

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5.1.2, 5.1.4, 5.1.5

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITY

I PURPOSE/POLICY

The purpose of this general order is to address issues concerning the New Canaan Police Department and the role the department plays in improving the criminal justice system.

II RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of all departmental personnel to adhere to this general order. It shall be the additional responsibility of command and supervisory staff to ensure compliance.

III PROCEDURES

A In the the event that the Prosecutor's Office contacts this department concerning a case which may have been mishandled or dismissed due to the negligence on the part of the investigating officer, it is the policy of this department to have the case reviewed. The review shall be conducted by the Chief of Police or other designated authority.

B The release of an offender on their own recognizance or on a bond shall be consistent with the requirements established in C.G.S. 54-63c, New Canaan Police Department Policy Manual Sections 508 and 512, and General Order 89-16-69, Law Enforcement Role and Authority and 89-15-68, Traffic Law Enforcement.

1. When specific guidelines/mandates do not exist for a particular type of offense, the shift supervisor shall be responsible for determining if an offender will be released on his/her own recognizance (PTA) or on a bond.

C It is the policy of the New Canaan Police Department to attempt to serve all outstanding arrest warrants as outlined in General Orders 90-8-84 Warrant Service and 91-2-90, Legal Process.

1. As a general policy, Warrant Service will be prioritized as follows:
 - a. Felony Warrant - due to the serious nature of felony arrests, the service of these warrants will be considered a high priority and shall be served as expeditiously as possible.
 - b. Misdemeanor Warrant - in the absence of any serviceable felony warrants, misdemeanor warrants will be served beginning with the most serious offenses.
 - c. Traffic Warrants - these warrants are generally of less serious nature and will therefore have the lowest priority.

IV DISTRIBUTION

This general order will be reproduced and a copy given to all personnel involved. It will be placed in locations throughout the department so that it is easily accessible to all personnel. The contents of this general order will be reviewed with all personnel by their supervisors.

V EFFECTIVE DATE

This general order approved by the Police Commission on August 21, 1991 and is effective September 3, 1991.

Per Order

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