

NOVEMBER 1, 2007

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR KENNEDY.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 20M-6 (2007)  
**ELMWOOD VILLAGE HOUSING COURT LIAISON:** Effects of Absentee Landlords Not Held Responsible for Maintaining Properties (3-0)

- 2. INTRO 14-6 (2007)  
**WHYTE**  
WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo is currently facing upwards of 20,000 vacant or abandoned properties and the County of Erie ever more; and

WHEREAS, previously the County's Warrant Squad assisted municipalities in dealing with housing and building code violation enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the County's Warrant Squad has been defunct and inoperable due to budget cuts for several years; and

WHEREAS, the absence of the Warrant Squad has negatively impacted the health and vibrancy of our neighborhoods and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature explores the possibility of reestablishing the vital services provided by the Warrant Squad by funding this essential service during its 2008 Budget proceedings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution go to the County Executive, County Attorney, the County Comptroller, Western New York State delegation, the Mayor of the City of Buffalo, the Sheriff of Erie County, and the Erie County Commissioner of Emergency Services. (3-0)

- 3. COMM. 20E-12 (2007)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County CPS Forensic Lab has been awarded a Federal National Institute of Justice Grant to be administered by the Office of Justice Programs, and

WHEREAS, said funds will enable the Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory to analyze and generate DNA profiles from up to 250 additional, unsolved forensic DNA cases.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to enter into a contract and accept funding in the amount of \$392,116.00 with the Federal National Institute of Justice, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to establish the grant in the budget of the Department of Central Police Services as follows:

**Grant Fund-SAP#: 165DNABACKLOG0708**  
**Central Police Services**  
**10/01/2007 to 09/30/2008**

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Acct. 414000 Federal aid	\$392,116
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Acct. 501000 Overtime	\$178,453
Acct. 502000 Fringe Benefits	\$17,837
Acct. 561410 Lab& Tech Equipment	<u>\$195,826</u>
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$392,116</b>

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget, Management and Finance is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with Federally approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Central Police/Emergency Services.

(3-0)

**DANIEL M. KOZUB**  
**CHAIRMAN**