



LEXINGTON DIVISION OF POLICE

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TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council

FROM: Chief Mark Barnard
Division of Police

DATE: April 22, 2015

RE: Memorandum of Understanding – United States Marshals Service
Violent Offender Task Force

Please find attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Marshals Service, Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF).

The primary mission of the task force is to investigate and arrest, as part of joint law enforcement operations, persons who have active state and federal warrants for their arrest. The intent of the joint effort is to investigate and apprehend local, state and federal fugitives, thereby improving public safety and reducing violent crime.

Each participating agency agrees to refer cases for investigation by the VOTF. Cases will be adopted by the VOTF at the discretion of the District Chief Deputy. Targeted crimes will primarily include violent crimes against persons, weapons offenses, felony drug offenses, failure to register as a sex offender, and crimes committed by subjects who have a criminal history involving violent crimes, felony drug offenses, and/or weapons offenses. Upon receipt of a written request, the VOTF may also assist non-participating law enforcement agencies in investigating, locating and arresting their fugitives. Task force personnel will be assigned federal, state and local fugitive cases for investigation. Investigative teams will consist of personnel from different agencies whenever possible. Participating agencies retain responsibility for the cases they refer to the VOTF.

The Division of Police is requesting approval from the Urban County Council to authorize Mayor Gray to sign the attached MOU. Upon signing, please return original to the Chief's Office to acquire additional signatures.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Barnard".

Mark Barnard
Chief of Police

Attachment

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cc: Ronnie Bastin, Commissioner of Public Safety