

# City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental  
Correspondence Sheet

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Subject: Third QUARTER 2006 PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Investigations BUREAU

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Category: Program / Project                      Case #:                      District:                      Neighborhood: All

Coordinating Personnel: Sergeant Jeffery F. Hunt, Supervisor, Intelligence Section

Description of Problem: Project Cold Case Fugitives/SOFAST

Phase of SARA: Assessment

## **SARA Documentation**

Scanning (state problem): There has been no central unit in the Police Department identified as being responsible for serving outstanding warrants.

Analysis (identify factual support): Problem Scope:

### 1. Project Cold Case Fugitive - Offenses of Violence.

A. Studies have shown a small number of criminals commit vast portion of crime. A study specific to homicides in Cincinnati indicated that as many as 50% of the offenders should have been incarcerated at the time they killed. A significant number of these should have been incarcerated due to outstanding warrants for violent felonies. There has been no standard procedure for assigning responsibility for warrant service after the first 30 days.

### B. Involving:

1. Victims - all victims of violence
2. Offenders - repeat violent offenders

C. Problem occurs at all hours.

D. Wanted felons continue to commit crimes and are an obvious threat to the community.

### 2. Goal:

Reduce number of wanted violent felons and increase number of felony warrants served and violent offenders incarcerated.

Response (define action taken):

### 1. Recommended specific actions that address problems/concerns for the reporting quarter:

On May 15, 2006 members of the Intelligence Section were assigned to the Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (SOFAST) targeting fugitives with higher grade felony warrants.

2. Actions actually taken:

Over 100 warrants have been vetted through the Intelligence Section and assigned to operational units for investigation.

a. Resources/Sections/Units Utilized:

Units within Patrol and Investigations before June 2006; Intelligence Section thereafter.

Assessment (document measurement):

1. Progress made toward identified problems/concerns:

a. Measurement of progress:

- i. The SOFAST group has served over 386 warrants involving close to 200 defendants since its inception on May 5, 2006.

**Police Participation  
Multiple Bureaus**

**Specific Feedback: Due to the vast number of warrants, SOFAST tends to target more recent warrants but has made efforts to incorporate cold case fugitives. SOFAST has been extremely successful and is responsible for the apprehension of some extremely dangerous fugitives. The group has blended talents from the Cincinnati Police Department, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, United States Marshall's Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Immigration and Customs, Ohio Adult Parole, and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office.**

**City Department Participation**

**Specific Feedback**

- Buildings and Inspections
- Community Development & Planning
- Fire Department
- Health
- Metropolitan Sewer District
- Parks
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation & Engineering
- Water Works