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Re: City Council Order No. 11, dated October 5, 2009

Dear Sir:

As requested I am responding to City Council Order No. 11 dated October 5, 2009 regarding recent events in the Wellington-Harrington area. The Cambridge Police has pulled together information of incidents concerning a group of teens roaming in the area of Hunting, Palermo, Lincoln and Windsor Streets on September 24 and 25, 2009.

The Department received one phone call on September 25, 2009 reporting a group of youth in the area of Hunting Street carrying what appeared to be baseball bats, walking down Cambridge Street towards Harvard Square. Officers checked the area and only found two individuals who may have been associated with a call for service on September 24, 2009 at approximately 9:00 p.m. The officers who responded this disturbance call found no evidence of an assault and no one reported being the victim of a crime. There was no report of a fight or brawl stemming from the one call the Department received on September 25th, but an arrest was made of one of the individuals for an outstanding warrant.

In subsequent intelligence, this one attack, which still has not been officially reported, is part of an ongoing dispute between Cambridge adolescents with associations to Somerville youth. The incident has nothing to do with the Frisoli Center, it just happened to be in the general vicinity. Since these incidents involve Cambridge youth, the Youth/Family Services Unit and the Community Relations Unit will be involved in terms of trying to stem the problem that seems to have developed in the neighborhood. The Department will continue to maintain a presence until we are sure that we have resolved a relatively recent issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Haas".

Robert C. Haas
Police Commissioner

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