

Based on experience, incarceration of 800 persons is a liberal estimate for arrest of 1000. It assumes prosecution, conviction and sentencing to incarceration of 80% of those arrested. It is well above the normal rate, but even if 100% are convicted and sentenced, we will find room for them.

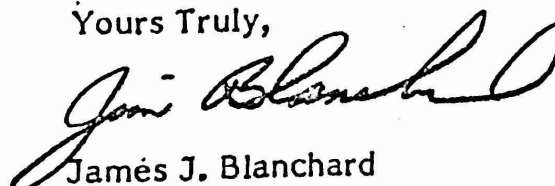
Implementation of this plan, over the next eighteen months, will require increased state capital outlay of at least \$8 million and increased operating expenditures of approximately \$20 million. I am prepared to support these expenditures to combat crime.

Furthermore, my administration is prepared to take (or has already taken) the following measures to strengthen law enforcement in Wayne County:

- 1.) I have requested the Department of Corrections to work intensively with representatives of Wayne County Executive McNamara and Sheriff Ficano to expedite the rapid expansion of County jail capacity. The County's proposals will be on the State Corrections Commission agenda beginning tonight, April 23. If necessary, I will ask the Commission to schedule a further, special meeting.
- 2.) I have opposed and will continue to oppose any state pre-emption of the City's legal authority to enact a handgun ordinance. I want this tool to be available, should City authorities conclude that such an ordinance would assist in getting and keeping guns out of schools.
- 3.) I renew the offer, first made by my legal advisor to superintendent Jefferson in 1986, to render whatever state assistance is necessary and lawful to keep guns out of schools, including metal detectors.
- 4.) I will request the state legislative leadership to expedite enactment of laws to combat juvenile crime. Specifically, I will urge rapid enactment of laws:
 - authorizing mandatory trial as an adult of juveniles accused of a second serious assaultive crime, embodied in the House Bill sponsored by Representative Teola Hunter last session.
 - authorizing law enforcement agencies to communicate with each other essential information on juveniles so that any arrested youthful offender's identity and record can be verified.
 - increasing the jurisdiction of Social Services to hold a convicted juvenile offender to age 21, so that dangerous juveniles do not automatically return to the streets at age 19.
- 5.) We have already added 3,000 cells to the adult correctional system in 1985, 2,500 in 1986, and a further 2,300 are scheduled for completion in 1987.

Finally, I know that we agree that law enforcement alone cannot control all of society's problems which lead to crime. Young people need jobs and hope. Michigan's economic redevelopment must not leave anyone behind. My Youth Corps summer jobs program will offer jobs to all young persons between eighteen and twenty-one years of age. We must also focus on early intervention, to turn the youngest offenders away from crime.

Yours Truly,



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Governor