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I HAVE MADE IT A PRACTICE ALWAYS TO REFRAIN FROM DENYING RUMORS,  
NO MATTER HOW FAR-FETCHED.

HOWEVER, TODAY I AM TAKING TO THE AIR TO DENY A RUMOR BECAUSE  
IT COULD EASILY AFFECT YOUR PEACE OF MIND AND YOUR POLICE WORK.

THE RUMOR IS TWO-FOLD: THAT YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ARREST  
WITHOUT A WARRANT AND THAT IF YOU MAKE AN ~~ILLEGAL~~ ARREST, YOU WILL  
~~IMMEDIATELY BE CAST INTO OUTER DARKNESS; THAT IS, YOU WILL NOT BE~~  
DEFENDED BY THE CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE; AND IF A JUDGMENT  
SHOULD BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU, YOU WOULD HAVE TO PAY IT.

*that doesn't hold up*

NOTHING COULD BE FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH -- NOTHING. THE  
POLICY <sup>of the Dept.</sup> HAS NOT CHANGED IN ANY WAY. <sup>(The Manual hasn't changed.)</sup> THE BASIS FOR SEARCH, INTERROGATION  
OR ARREST ON REASONABLE GROUNDS IS THE SAME AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN.  
IF YOU ARE SUED, THE CORPORATION COUNSEL WILL REPRESENT YOU. IF A  
JUDGMENT IS RENDERED AGAINST YOU, THE COMMON COUNCIL HAS NEVER TURNED  
US AWAY, AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT THEY ARE  
EVEN CONSIDERING A CHANGE IN THE POLICY. IN FACT, THEIR RESPONSIBILITY  
IN THIS AREA HAS BEEN MADE EVEN MORE DEFINITE IN A NEW ORDINANCE.

IT IS USUALLY BAD POLICY TO DENY RUMORS BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE  
MISUNDERSTAND THE DENIAL AND THE ORIGINAL RUMOR GETS WIDER CIRCULATION.  
HOWEVER, I AM DEPARTING FROM THIS POLICY BECAUSE IT IS ONLY FAIR TO YOU

TO PUT YOUR MINDS AT EASE.

I KNOW YOU ARE INTELLIGENT AND THAT THERE CAN BE NO MISUNDER-  
STANDING OF WHAT I AM SAYING. DO YOUR POLICE WORK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK  
OF OUR LAWS AND THE POLICE MANUAL AS YOU ALWAYS HAVE AND YOU HAVE  
NOTHING TO FEAR.

YOU ARE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND EVEN IF YOUR JUDGMENT IS WRONG  
AND YOU ARE SUED, THIS ADMINISTRATION IS BACK OF YOU.

YOU HAVE BEEN DOING SPLENDID WORK, DESPITE CONDITIONS WHICH  
ARE NOT IDEAL, AND THE PEOPLE OF DETROIT KNOW THIS, AND I KNOW IT.

KEEP IT UP. ~~WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.~~ *We ask only vigilance  
and fair law enforcement.*