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Coleman A. Young, Mayor  
City of Detroit

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The Honorable Coleman A. Young  
Mayor of the City of Detroit  
1126 City-County Building  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mayor Young:

As you might recall in April of this year, you directed this department, as part of its overall effort to reduce crimes, to consider improved approaches.

Pursuant to your direction, the department vigorously undertook measures to effectuate your desires, and quite candidly, we experienced great success. With new initiatives we were happy to report a substantial decline in property crimes, stolen vehicles and several categories of crimes against persons. Further, in a time where the city has experienced the national phenomenon of youth shootings, directed not at strangers but acquaintances, our ability to solve these crimes has increased. The killings of and by our youth, as they engage in these small spontaneous drug wars, are being solved with an ever increasing efficiency. Our closure rates have improved from 45% to 61%.

With these successes as a backdrop, and carrying out your directions, I offer for your information and consideration our latest proposals to further reduce crime. The proposals which follow address the continuing phenomenon of youth shootings and crime.

These proposals focus upon youths who carry and use guns, youthful career criminals, organized associations of youths and/or youths and adults, narcotics dealings and car thefts. They are designed to impact on these individuals who, generally, range in age from fifteen to twenty-five years. Some of the plans will involve only this department. However, to prepare a comprehensive plan necessarily required involving other local agencies and institutions to achieve a desirable result.