

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012, AT 10:00 A.M., IN THE GNOEC CONFERENCE ROOM, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Katz, Chairman; Lawrence M. Rase, Vice Chairman; Peter F. Egan, Secretary; Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Assistant Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Debbie Lopreore; Cheryl H. Lambert; Chief Nick Congemi; Melissa M. Phillpott; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe'; Red Thompson; Robert Graham; Stacie Heffker; Perry Daigrepoint; Phil Meyers, Cary Bourgeois & Shelby LaSalle, Jr., GEC, Inc.; Burgess McCranie, McCranie, Campbell, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch; Bill Becknell, The Becknell Law Firm; Denis Milliner, Bank of New York; Bill Murhammer; Andrea Calvin, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation; Steve Bowes, Sisung Investment Management Services; Rene Chopin, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Fred Robertson; Bob Warren, The Times-Picayune

ABSENT: Stephen G. Romig, Treasurer

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On motion by Lorino, seconded by Rase, the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 4, 2012 were accepted as written. Mr. Katz, Mr. Rase, Mr. Egan and Mr. Lorino voted in favor of the motion.

On behalf of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, Dr. Calvin reported in May of the fifty water quality samples taken, forty-five samples (90%) met primary contact recreation standards. Two exceeded on the South Shore and three on the North Shore. Dr. Calvin stated in early May there were two long-distance swimmers who swam along the whole length of the Causeway, turned east, and went all the way to the lighthouse - a total of twenty-six miles. She stated this was to promote the water quality in the lake. Mr. Dufrechou stated Dr. Calvin, Dr. Lopez and their staff just completed the twenty-third *Back to the Beach Festival* this past weekend. He stated they did a great job and some of the Causeway staff volunteered to help as well.

On behalf of the Causeway Police Charitable Foundation, Mr. Murhammer stated there are no updates at this time.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported that in April at the drawbridge there were twenty-seven vessel openings, one test opening and no incidents. He stated Police and MAP personnel responded to 226 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 49 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou showed slides of the periodic roughening of the drawbridge deck sections that was done on April 24 and 25. He stated since this has been done during the past nine months, it has been very successful and slippage has been reduced down to zilch. He added Chief Congemi and the police are happy with it. Mr. Dufrechou stated the roughening takes about a day for each span and is done by maintenance personnel. Mr. Katz asked about and suggested looking into the possibility of the device used being patented and licensed.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on April 26 the Corps of Engineers informed him that it will not rebuild the monitor's station after the hurricane protection project, contrary to having said it would. He stated the Commission's options are being reviewed by its attorney and they are not giving up yet.

Mr. Dufrechou showed slides of April 28, which was the first day for the new exits on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated the new exists are a tremendous aid to both traffic and getting the police officers out of the street so people are not hitting them anymore.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on April 30 the 2011 annual audit report was issued to the Legislative Auditor's Office. There were no findings. Mr. Dufrechou thanked Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Phillpott and Mr. Murhammer for their efforts on the audit.

For the month of May, Mr. Dufrechou reported fourteen vessel openings, one brake incident, three drive fault incidents and two test openings at the drawbridge. He stated there were 347 breakdowns handled on the Causeway Bridge and 74 on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on May 21, Huey P. Long Bridge Sgt. Roy Jacob was first on the scene of a

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shooting near the intersection of Jefferson Highway and Causeway Boulevard. Causeway Police Sgt. Mike Viola and other Jefferson Parish officers responded in a matter of minutes.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on May 22 there was follow-up with the Corps on the initial response to the monitor's station issue. He stated the Corps again said no, it will not replace the station. Mr. Dufrechou stated the attorney is still pressing the Corps on the issue.

Mr. Dufrechou showed slides from May 23 of a scale model of the *Titanic* that sailed in Lake Pontchartrain along the Causeway during morning rush hour traffic. He stated it caused a ten to fifteen minute delay on the bridge. Mr. Dufrechou mentioned with the help of the Times-Picayune, there is a commitment from the skipper that he will no longer sail adjacent to the Causeway during rush hours in the morning.

Mr. Dufrechou reported on May 29 there was another incident in which a kitten was rescued on the southbound bridge about two miles from the North Shore; unfortunately it had a badly broken rear leg that had to be amputated. He stated there were calls from people wanting to adopt it. Mr. Dufrechou commended MAP operator A. J. Adams for rescuing the kitten and Cpl. Brian Schuyler for arranging medical help.

With respect to the southbound traffic commute, Mr. Dufrechou reported since the third lane exiting the bridge was opened the transit time was reduced from 45 to 50 minutes to 30 to 40 minutes.

On the Corps Hurricane Protection Project, Mr. Dufrechou stated Boh Brothers is ahead of the schedule anticipated, plans to finish in early November, and is working to get another element of the third lane open this summer before school starts. Mr. Dufrechou stated the officers are still working the 6th Street traffic signal and may go to an automated mode next week if traffic stays down and does not backup. He commended Cpl. Bernard, other officers and MAP personnel for operating the

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signal light, which has been critical in keeping the traffic moving southbound exiting the Causeway and northbound into the Lakeway complex.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on the Corps Hurricane Protection Project, another issue is reimbursement to the Causeway for \$2 million expended to relocate its offices, utilities, etc. because of the project. He stated the revised reimbursement request will be submitted to the Corps by June 18.

On the North Channel Bascule Trunnion Bearing Maintenance project, Mr. Dufrechou reported the work is complete except the permanent replacement of the bearing cap, which is anticipated the week of June 11, 2012.

With respect to the 5th Lane at the North Toll Plaza, Mr. Dufrechou stated the initial meeting was held May 30. Construction is anticipated to start in July 2012 and estimated completion is in February 2013.

Mr. Dufrechou stated the Discretionary Bridge Program includes the South Channel Fender Repair, Bascule Control System, and Pile Encapsulation Utility Vaults for a total of \$2.8 million. He stated anticipated bidding by LA DOTD is in the third quarter of 2012.

With respect to the Toll Collection System RFP, Mr. Dufrechou reported three vendors, TRMI, E-Transit, and Transcore, submitted proposals by May 24. He stated technical and price evaluations were concluded by the Commission's engineers and staff on May 30. Mr. Dufrechou stated all three proposals were technically qualified. He stated the prices were more than anticipated, ranging from a low of \$2.3 to the high of \$2.5 million - all within 10% of each other. Mr. Dufrechou stated while it might seem contrary to the cost effective mind-set, the staff and engineers are recommending the highest proposal submitted by TRMI because they want quality, performance and a system that will last for decades. He added they want a system that will get commuters on the bridge quickly

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and be very reliable. Mr. Dufrechou stated the system they are recommending is being used on the Golden Gate Bridge, the Chesapeake Bay Turnpike and others, and has been proven, adding they believe it is in the best interest of the Causeway. He stated negotiations will be opened with TRMI (The Revenue Markets, Inc.). In response to Mr. Katz's inquiry, Mr. Dufrechou stated last Thursday night Lanes 3 and 4 were hit by lightning and maintenance was able to cannibalize parts to get them working. Mr. Katz asked that the personnel who worked to get the lanes operational be thanked and expressed his appreciation for their hard work. Mr. Katz stated the motoring public does not have any idea how tenuous the existing system is and the work that is done to keep it operating; the public finds out what happens when it does not run smoothly and takes it for granted. Mr. Katz pointed out they are going to negotiate with TRMI and believes by the time the negotiations are finished, it might not be the highest proposal. **On motion by Rase, seconded by Egan, the following resolution selecting a firm to replace the toll collection system under RFP No. 819 was offered:**

WHEREAS, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC) wishes to retain the services of a firm to replace the GNOEC toll collection system under RFP No. 819; and,

WHEREAS, the responses to the RFP were received on May 24, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the evaluation committee met on May 30, 2012; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission:

SECTION 1: That the GNOEC does hereby select The Revenue Markets, Inc. (dba TRMI Systems Integration) to replace the GNOEC toll collection system under RFP No. 819;

SECTION 2: That the General Manager shall negotiate a contract with The Revenue Markets, Inc. (dba TRMI Systems Integration) and the contract shall be submitted to the GNOEC in complete form, including all terms and conditions, for ratification by GNOEC Resolution prior to execution of the contract.

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In response to Mr. Katz's inquiry, Mr. Dufrechou stated the goal is to have something by the next meeting in July. Mr. Katz stated although Mr. Romig is not present today, he did have the opportunity to review the proposals and expressed his support of the recommendation by staff and engineers for the TRMI proposal. Mr. Dufrechou stated he would like to express his thanks not only to Mr. Bourgeois, Mr. Burback and the engineers, but to the staff - Mrs. Lopreore, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Little, Mr. Hotard and Mr. Deliberto - for spending a tremendous amount of man-hours reviewing the proposals. **Mr. Katz called for a vote on the motion. Mr. Katz, Mr. Rase, Mr. Egan and Mr. Lorino voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Dufrechou stated there are thirteen vehicles, ten Crown Victoria police units, one police SUV Expedition, and two trucks (F-150 and F-250) that are old and have excess of 150,000 miles. They are being declared surplus by the engineers. **On motion by Lorino, seconded by Rase, based upon the recommendation of the Consulting Engineers, GEC, Inc., and the staff, the Commission approved and authorized the General Manager to dispose of the equipment in the attached list, which has been declared surplus equipment. Mr. Katz, Mr. Rase, Mr. Egan and Mr. Lorino voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Katz stated the Commission has elections every time a new member comes on board, adding that he and Mr. Rase discussed having annual election of officers every December. Mr. Katz stated that can be changed any time obviously but the purpose of the resolution is to call for an election of officers every December so members can remain in whatever position they want. **Mr. Rase moved that it be resolved by the Commission that the election of its officers shall take place at its December meeting for a term beginning January 1. Mr. Katz seconded the motion. Mr. Katz, Mr. Rase, Mr. Egan and Mr. Lorino voted in favor of the motion.**

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Mr. Katz stated they are tentatively scheduling the next meeting for Wednesday, July 11, in Mandeville City Hall at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Lambert stated the regular meeting is usually for 5:00 p.m. in Mandeville and the public presentation at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Rase stated the Corps can make a presentation on the status of the hurricane protection project. Mr. Rase asked Mr. Dufrechou to make the arrangements with the Corps and he will talk to Mayor Villere.

There being no further business, on motion by Lorino, seconded by Egan, the meeting was adjourned.



PETER F. EGAN
SECRETARY



LAWRENCE K. KATZ
CHAIRMAN

April 23, 2012

Ms. Debbie Lopreore, Chief of Staff
Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission
Post Office Box 7656
Metairie, Louisiana 70010

Re: **Vehicle Surplus:**

Unit 0404, 2004 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71W34X141515
Mileage: 100,753

Unit 0409, 2004 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71W74X141517
Mileage: 94,917

Unit 0503, 2005 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71W85X161065
Mileage: 151,260

Unit 0506, 2005 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71W35X161068
Mileage: 176,669

Unit 0505, 2005 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71W15X161067
Mileage: 165,381

Unit 217, 1995 Ford F-150
Vin No.: 1FTEF15N8SNB09942
Mileage: 229,365

Unit 304, 1999 Ford Expedition
Vin No.: 1FMRU1762XLC03472
Mileage: 163,200

Unit 0403, 2004 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71W14X141514
Mileage: 121,086

Unit 0502, 2005 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71W65X161064
Mileage: 156,381

Unit 0504, 2005 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71WX5X161066
Mileage: 124,513

Unit 0307, 2003 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71W13X171563
Mileage: 74,286

Unit 188, 2001 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin No.: 2FAFP71W91X150876
Mileage: 84,662

Unit 220, 1996 Ford F-250
Vin No.: 1FTHX25G0TEB51170
Mileage: 148,999

Dear Ms. Lopreore:

It has been determined that the above referenced vehicles are surplus, no longer needed and may be disposed of properly.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



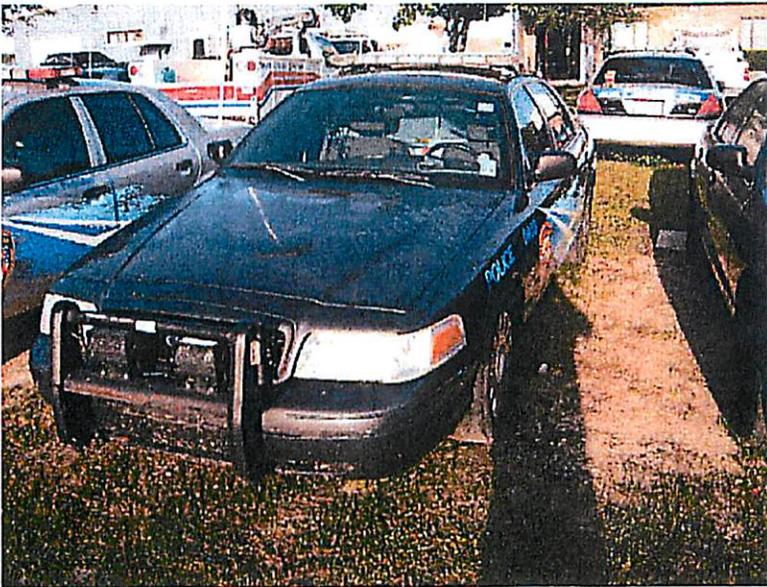
Cary A. Bourgeois, P.E.
Vice President



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Unit 0404 rear



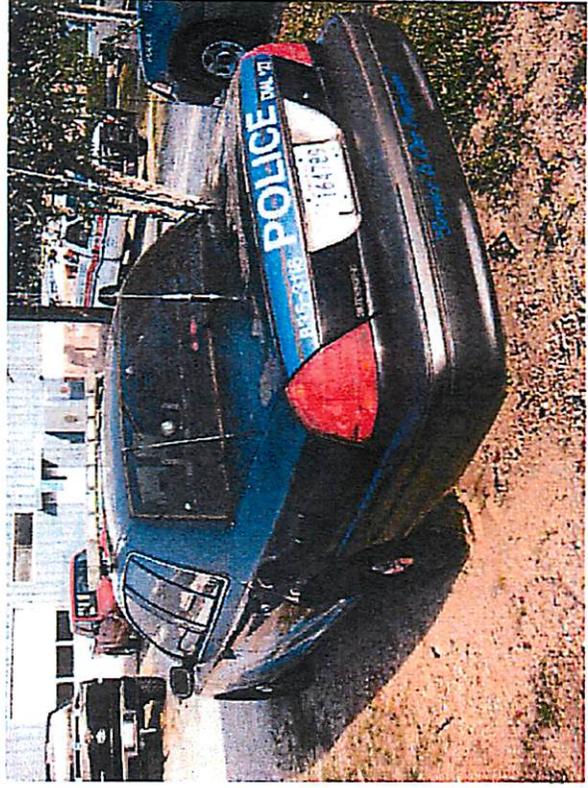
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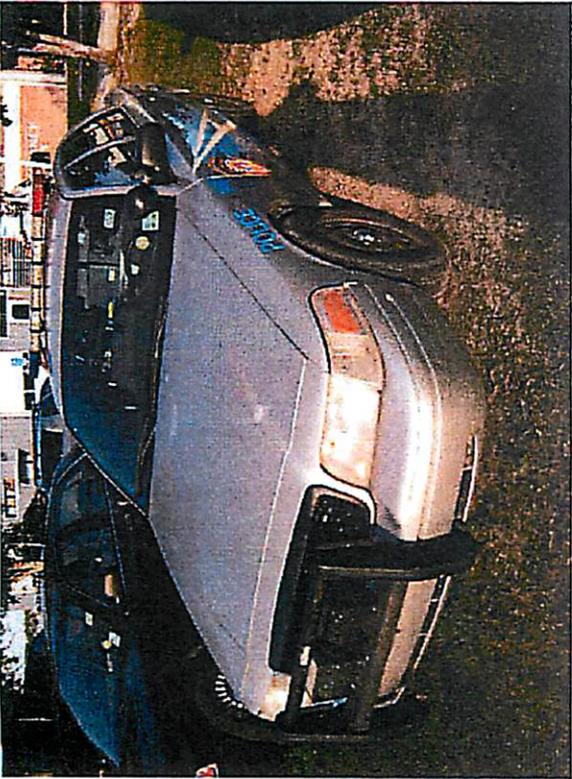
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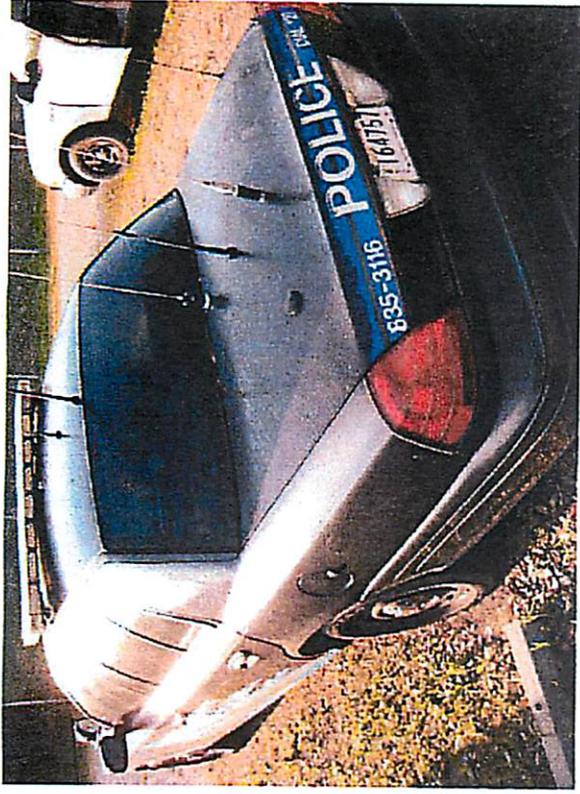
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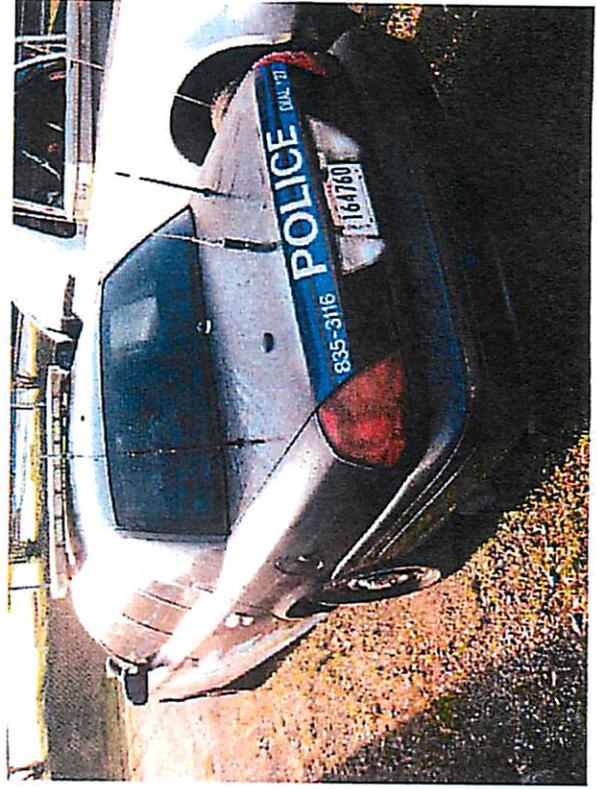
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Unit 0502 front



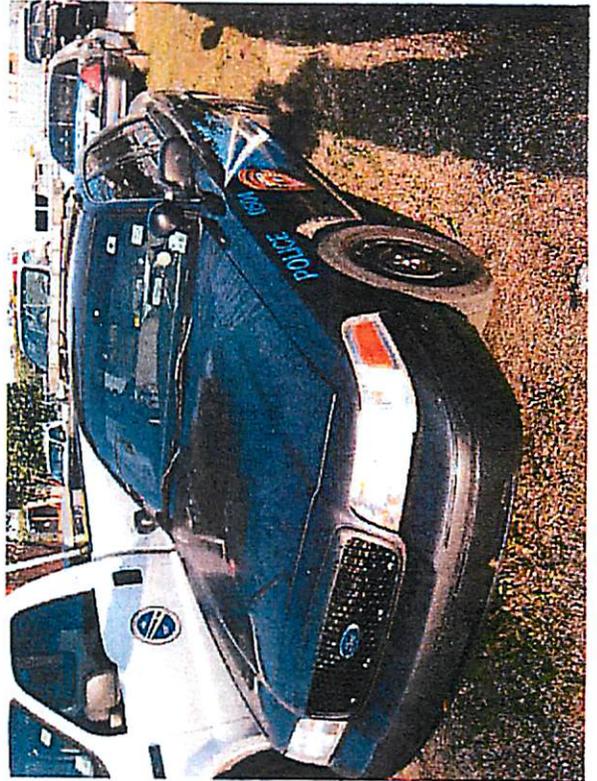
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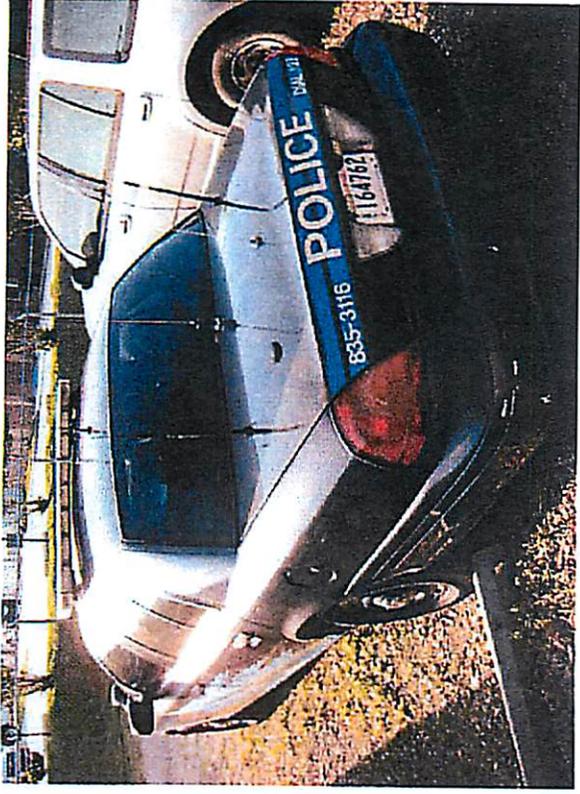
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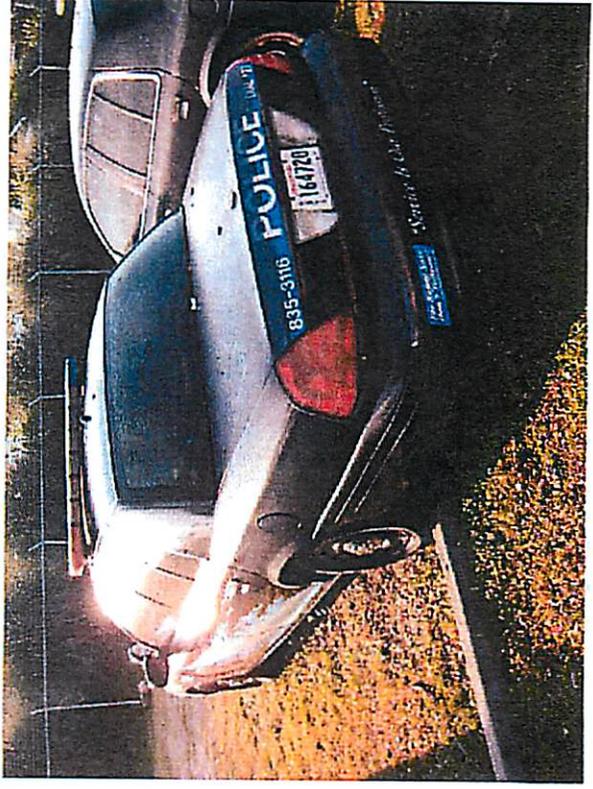
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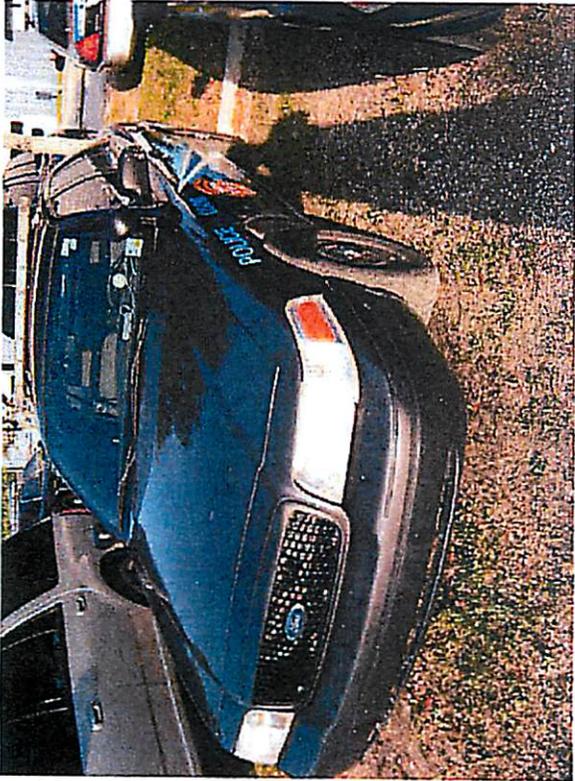
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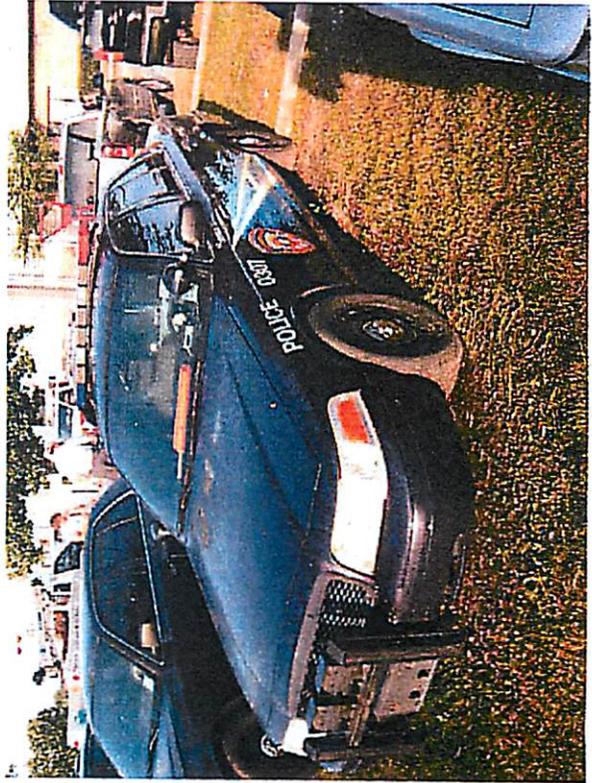
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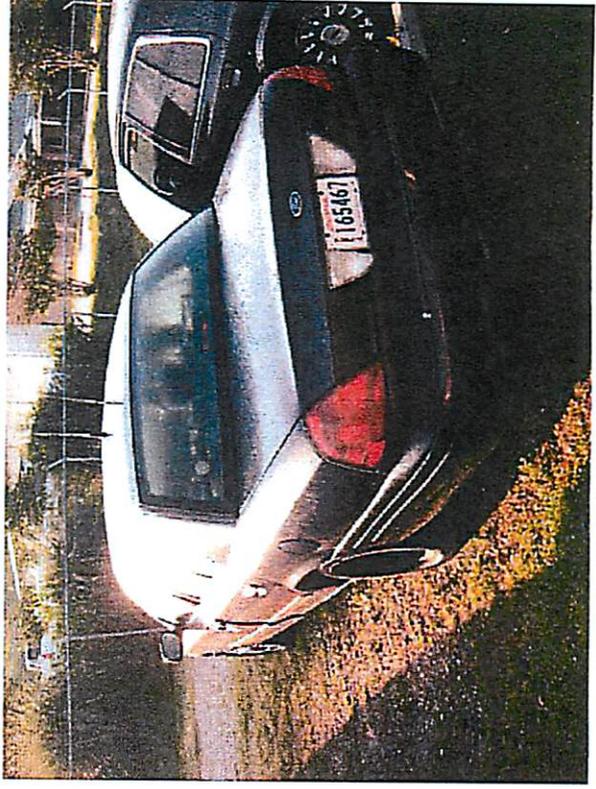
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Unit 0307 front



Unit 0505 rear



Unit 188 rear



Unit 0505 front



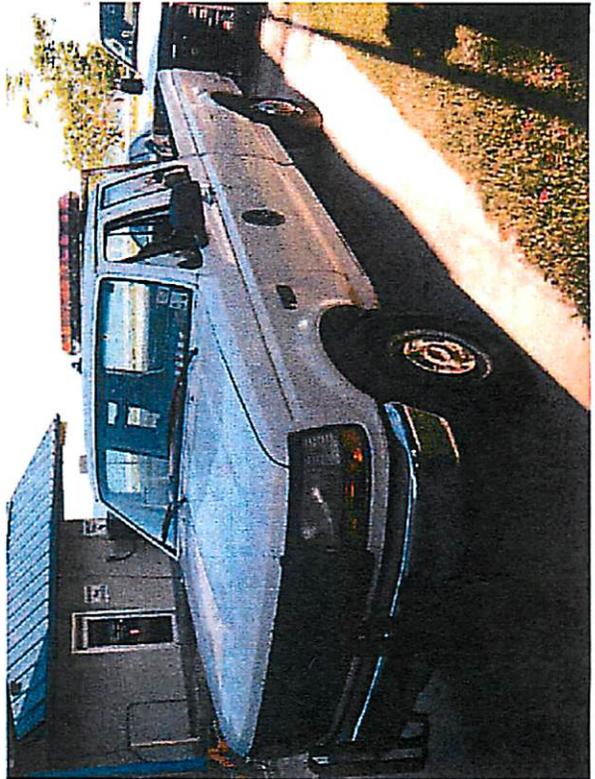
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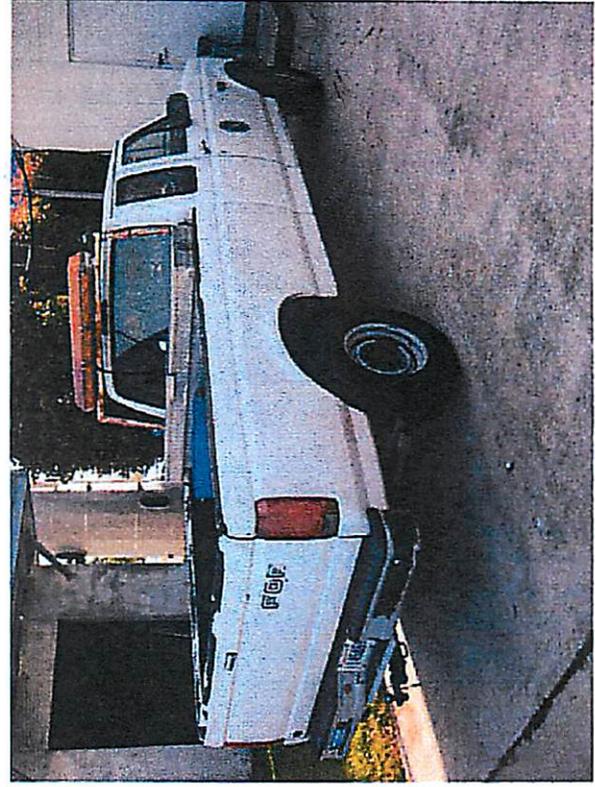
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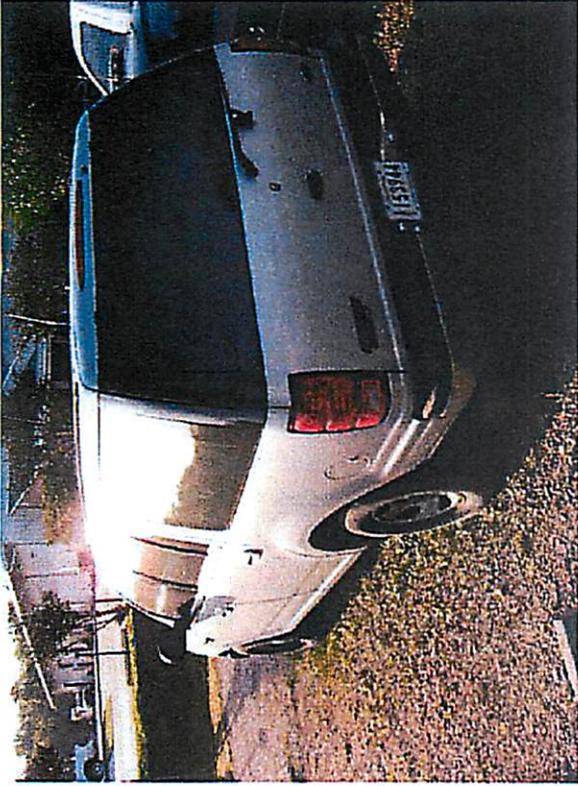
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Unit 304 rear



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