

PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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To All Department Personnel:

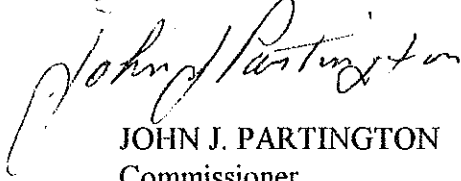
In accordance with the most recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court and First Circuit Court of Appeals the following rules are hereby promulgated:

“No member of this department shall be interviewed as a representative of this department without express authorization from the Chief of Police or the Director of Public Affairs. Any interview in which it may be construed that the member is speaking as a representative of this department falls within the constraints of this rule.”

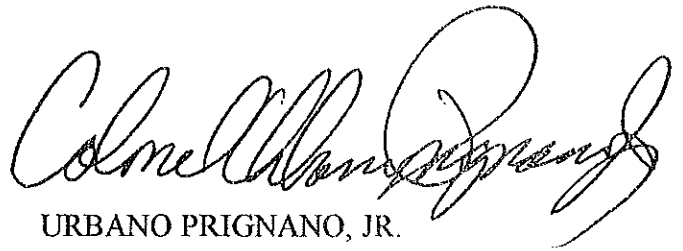
“No member of this department shall make any public statement regarding a private matter of this department.”

“No member of this department shall make a public statement on a matter of public concern relating to this department where the statement may lead to disruption within the police department workplace.”

APPROVED:



JOHN J. PARTINGTON
Commissioner
Public Safety



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