

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 282

Approved May 10, 1991

Whereas, on April 12, 1991 hours-old Macayla Ann Rose was abducted from Women and Infants Hospital, and

Whereas, this heinous act shocked her family, the hospital community, and the entire State of Rhode Island, and

Whereas, the only clues left behind were a telephone pager and vague descriptions of the alleged abductor, and

Whereas, the telephone pager was painstakingly traced through the companies who issued and purchased it, through the employee who had stolen it, to the drug dealer he sold it to, and

Whereas, although many of these "leads" seemed to be going nowhere, the detectives persevered. Eventually, at the end of an interview at the Adult Correctional Institution, Edwin Otero mentioned that his girlfriend had recently visited with their new baby, and

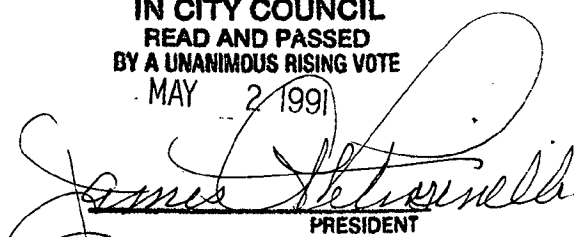
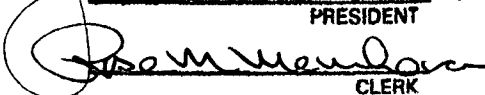
Whereas, this almost passing remark led to the return of young Macayla to her parents and the arrest of her abductor, and

Whereas, in the end this case was solved by careful attention to detail. But it brings out a detail that is often overlooked - that the members of this detective team display the same dogged determination on hundreds of cases each year. In the same way that a hundred leads may be followed while only one solves a crime, this one famous and sensational case helps all of us to recognize the quiet dedication that goes unnoticed in the many cases that never make headlines,

Now therefore, be it Resolved, that the Members of the City Council join the entire community in expressing gratitude and congratulations to Commander Richard Tamburini, Major Milton R. Wilson, Detective Captain Paul J. Leboeuf, Detective Lieutenant Terrence Crawley, Detective Sargeant Dennis Gerstmeyer, and Detectives William Carroll and Timothy O'Brien, and to the members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law enforcement agencies who assisted in solving this case, and

Be it further resolved that each of these officers be presented with a duly engrossed copy of this resolution, in recognition of their work on this case, as well as their continued dedication to the service of the people of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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BY A UNANIMOUS RISING VOTE
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MAYOR