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CITY OF BEACON INCREASES POLICE TRANSPARENCY
BY POSTING DAILY POLICE BLOTTER ONLINE

BEACON, NY – Mayor Lee Kyriacou and Acting Chief of Police William Cornett announced that the Beacon Police Department will begin publishing online its daily police blotter, as part of a broader process of increasing policing transparency.

The police "blotter" is a daily log of each call in order in which it is received, and constitutes the basic raw data for activity statistics and other data. At present, only a very high level summary of the police blotter is published by the *Beacon Free Press* and/or the *Highlands Current*. The daily blotter will be available at www.cityofbeacon.org on the Beacon Police Department page.

Mayor Kyriacou stated, "This is a first step of making policing information readily available, to both inform the public, and to increase transparency and build trust. This follows the socially-distanced public forum the City recently organized, attended virtually by 200 listeners and viewers. We are also beginning to organize a comprehensive policing review and plan process, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order on the topic."

Acting Chief of Police William Cornett added, "Transparency is a top priority for the Beacon Police Department. The public is welcome to visit our website anytime to view the daily blotter. We are working on and will be making more information available to our residents."

About the City of Beacon:
Beacon, New York is located on the eastern shore of the Hudson River 60 miles north of New York City, with a population of 15,000. Originally a Native American settlement, the area was purchased from the Wappinger Tribe in 1683 and settled by Dutch and other Europeans, leading to the riverfront community of Fishkill Landing on the Hudson, and the mill community of Matteawan on Fishkill Creek. The two communities were incorporated together as the City of Beacon in 1913, named for the Revolutionary War signal fires on Mount Beacon. Beacon thrived as a 19th and 20th Century factory city, but as factories closed after WWII and the local economy declined, the city went through a period of hard times. Today, Beacon has successfully reinvented itself as a 21st Century river community centered around tourism, the arts and access to the scenic Hudson River heritage area. A diverse and thriving small city, it is now home to DIA:Beacon (one of the largest exhibition spaces for modern and contemporary art), a network of Hudson River parks connecting to Fishkill Creek and Mount Beacon trails, and a vibrant historic Main Street of art galleries, shops, cultural venues and restaurants.

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