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10 LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT

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12 LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

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15 Ranking member

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17 LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

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19 LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: Call the Public
3 Safety Committee to order. I would ask the
4 clerk to call the roll for the Public Safety
5 Committee.

6 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra
7 Mule.

8 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

9 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
10 Bynoe.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Ranking member
13 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
15 Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose
17 Walker.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas
20 McKevitt.

21 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman
23 Steven Rhoads.

24 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

25 MR. PULITZER: Chairwoman Denise

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2 Ford.

3 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

4 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
5 ma'am.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very
7 much sir. There are nine items on the agenda
8 today which are clerk item numbers 577-18,
9 591-18 through 593-18, 600-18, 621-18, 624-18,
10 627-18 and 640-18.

11 Clerk item 577-18 is a an ordinance
12 supplemental to the annual appropriation
13 ordinance in connection with the District
14 Attorney's Office.

15 Moved by Legislator Walker and
16 seconded by Legislator Rhoads. Then on
17 recommendation, I will also call clerk item
18 number 627-18, which also is a supplemental
19 appropriation in connection with the District
20 Attorney's Office.

21 May I have a motion. Moved by
22 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator
23 Rhoads. Both items are before us. Good
24 afternoon.

25 MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus,

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2 District Attorney's Office. Item 577-18 is a
3 supplemental appropriation for the Motor
4 Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention
5 Grant. This is the 12th year of this grant.
6 The funds received from the New York State
7 Division of Criminal Justice Services are used
8 to investigate and prosecute motor vehicle
9 theft and motor vehicle insurance fraud
10 cases. Investigative efforts target medical
11 mills and auto body shops suspected of
12 no-fault fraud with an emphasize on undercover
13 investigations.

14 LEGISLATOR FORD: Any debate or
15 discussion on this one? No? We will go now
16 to 627 sir.

17 MR. MCMANUS: Item 627-18 is a
18 supplemental appropriation for the Crimes
19 Against Revenue Program Grant. Funds from
20 this grant are used to pursue cases of tax
21 evasion, particularly those who commit
22 Medicaid, welfare, unemployment and worker's
23 compensation fraud, as well as those merchants
24 who commit sales tax violations.

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: Any debate or

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2 discussion on this? Any public comment? I
3 see none. So, all those in favor of passing
4 the items 577-18 and 627-18 please signify by
5 saying aye. Any opposed? The items pass.
6 Thank you very much sir. They pass
7 unanimously.

8 I'm now going to call clerk items
9 591-18, 592-18 and 593-18 as they are
10 ordinances supplemental to the annual
11 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
12 police department.

13 May I have a motion. Moved by
14 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator
15 Mule. The items are before us.

16 MR. STEPHANOFF: Lieutenant Greg
17 Stephanoff from the police department. Item
18 591 of '18, this item appropriates \$145,869 in
19 funds received from New York State Division of
20 Criminal Justice Services. This is our
21 Surveillance Apprehension Vehicle Enforcement
22 Program. We call it the SAVE grant. We've
23 gotten this grant for many, many years. We
24 focus in on insurance fraud, vehicle theft and
25 any other vehicle related problems. Like in

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2 this case now, people are selling packages
3 from cars like when you shop because of the
4 holidays you go back and you load up your
5 cars. We focus on crimes that are occurring
6 at the time.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: I saw some of
8 the signs even in Oceanside telling people
9 alerting them lock your cars.

10 MR. STEPHANOFF: We try and make
11 notifications on what's going on at the time.

12 Item 592 of '18, this is our 2017
13 Justice Assistance Grant. JAG grant we call
14 it. This item appropriates \$108,803 received
15 from the US Department of Justice. This grant
16 we're going to focus on violent crime based on
17 intel from our Asset Forfeiture Bureau and
18 there's also a little bit of money that's
19 going to go to our pistol license section to
20 make sure we stay on top of license renewals
21 and also taking away licenses from people that
22 have problems.

23 Item 593 of '18 is also a JAG
24 grant. 592 of '18 was a 2017 JAG grant. Item
25 593 of '18 is a 2018 JAG grant. There was a

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2 delay in the Justice Department getting the
3 '17 grant to us. So we will have them almost
4 concurrently. Item 593 of '18 appropriates
5 \$103,693 in funds. This will also be used for
6 violent crime through our asset forfeiture
7 through our intelligence.

8 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you. Any
9 debate or discussion? Any public comment on
10 any of these items? I see none. All those in
11 favor of passing these three items please
12 signify by saying aye. Any opposed? All in
13 favor? Items 591-18, 592-18, 593-18 all pass
14 unanimously. Thank you very much.

15 I'm going to call I guess I'll call
16 items 600-18, which is an ordinance
17 supplemental to the annual appropriation
18 ordinance in connection with the probation
19 department. And 640-18, which is also an
20 ordinance supplemental to the annual
21 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
22 probation department.

23 So moved by Legislator Walker.
24 Seconded by Legislator Mule. The items are
25 before us.

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2 MR. LANCEMAN: Douglas Lanceman
3 Nassau Probation. The first item, 600, this
4 item before you is a grant renewal from the
5 Nassau County Traffic Safety Board for one
6 year in the amount of \$215,000. This grant
7 has been renewed for decades literally. This
8 grant supports monthly victim impact panels
9 off our field operations, surveillance of DWI
10 offenders, suspected of driving without
11 licenses and/or ignition interlocks and use of
12 electronic monitoring devices to remotely
13 monitor high risk offenders.

14 LEGISLATOR FORD: Any debate or
15 discussion? Legislator Mule.

16 LEGISLATOR MULE: What is a SRAM
17 device and how does it work when the probation
18 department is remotely monitoring is high risk
19 offenders?

20 MR. LANCEMAN: The SRAM, it's an
21 acronym for secure remote alcohol monitoring.
22 This is a device that's imposed by the
23 courts. It comes to probation and they say
24 gee you know what, you're going to have to
25 monitor a particular offender. That's usually

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2 for a period of six months.

3 LEGISLATOR FORD: Isn't it where
4 you put it in and they have to blow into
5 the --

6 MR. LANCEMAN: Yes. I'm sorry.
7 What it really is it's a device. Ignition
8 interlock system. It's placed in a vehicle by
9 an outside vendor. There are two vendors that
10 are sanctioned by New York State. One is
11 called Intox Lock and the other is called
12 Smart Start. And these devices are
13 approximately about \$100 to install and \$100
14 monthly service charge on there. What happens
15 is, probationer will get into the vehicle,
16 they want to start the car. They blow into
17 the breathalyzer. It analyzes the level of
18 BLC, blood alcohol content. And if it's under
19 a certain level the car will start. If it's
20 over it's not going to start.

21 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you very
22 much.

23 LEGISLATOR FORD: Legislator
24 Mule, the interesting thing is that they have
25 to go then back after so many months and they

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2 actually will like see all the recordings and
3 stuff like that.

4 MR. LANCEMAN: There's a history
5 maintained of ons and offs so to speak.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Legislator
7 Walker.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Just a quick
9 question regarding that device. I'm going to
10 use two of us for example. Say I have that
11 device on my car and I had someone else in my
12 car. Could they possibly -- hopefully they're
13 not silly enough to be driving if I shouldn't
14 be driving being in my car with me -- could
15 someone else blow into it and obviously the
16 car will then be able to start?

17 MR. LANCEMAN: That's an
18 excellent question. The developers have
19 factored that in already. What happens,
20 there's a camera associated with this device.
21 So if I got in or you got in and we're sitting
22 in the driver's seat you can't have somebody
23 else blow into the device. It's going to snap
24 your picture.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: We will make

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2 sure we never do that. I hope that passenger
3 wouldn't want to be driving with someone who
4 shouldn't be driving. They're in enough
5 trouble already. Thank you.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Anyone else?
7 How about item 640?

8 MR. LANCEMAN: 640 is our STSJP
9 grant. Supervision and treatment services for
10 juveniles. This renewal grant is for one year
11 from the New York State OCFS in the amount of
12 \$201,272. This grant has existed since 2011.
13 The Supervision Treatment Services Juveniles
14 Program is part of the governor's initiatives
15 to juvenile justice reform. The intent is to
16 seek prevention of detention and placement.
17 To limit prevent detention.

18 LEGISLATOR FORD: They are
19 equipped because I know we are raising the age
20 so that we can -- we're moving them out of the
21 adult population back into juvenile status.
22 So this will be able to handle maybe a greater
23 number?

24 MR. LANCEMAN: Yes. Part of the
25 stip for this year is going to be ROTA.

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: Do they help
3 them with education? Sometimes the children
4 just need to be going to school or whatever.

5 MR. LANCEMAN: From what I
6 understand there's various aspects of there's
7 respite care, there's educational services.
8 There's many different aspects of trying to
9 help kids in that age group.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: I'm always
11 appreciative like whenever we save these
12 children. I know somebody who went through
13 this and he had been in jail. Now I guess
14 probably working through this working and
15 doing great. I don't think he will ever see
16 the inside of a jail cell again.

17 MR. LANCEMAN: This grant is
18 amazing. It's going to give kids the ability
19 to try and avoid getting deeper into the
20 justice system. There's a lot of care
21 professionals involved in this program.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you. Any
23 debate or discussion? Any public comment? I
24 see none. All those in favor of passing items
25 600-18 and 640-18 please signify by saying

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2 aye. Any opposed? The item passes
3 unanimously. Thank you very much sir.

4 Clerk item 621-18 is a resolution
5 authorizing the county executive to execute a
6 grant agreement between the New York State
7 Department of Transportation and the County of
8 Nassau acting on behalf of the Nassau County
9 Police Department.

10 May I have a motion. Moved by
11 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator
12 Rhoads.

13 MR. STEPHANOFF: Item 620 of '18
14 that is to enter into a grant agreement with
15 the county and New York State Department of
16 Transportation for \$2 million. This is a
17 construction grant where we provide police
18 services to maintain a safe area for the
19 workers. Especially on the highways like the
20 495, the Long Island Expressway, and we get
21 reimbursed for the services we provide.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: It's much
23 needed to have police protection. I know that
24 thankfully they also double the points that
25 people get when they're caught speeding

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2 through these construction sites. It's
3 amazing to me how many people are willing to
4 go speeding by and not caring about the people
5 right there. Also I hope the officers they
6 realize the police cars don't hit them. You
7 have suffered too many tragedies in your
8 department.

9 Any debate or discussion on this?
10 Any public comment? I see none. All those in
11 favor of passing this item signify by saying
12 aye. Opposed? The item passes unanimously.
13 Thank you.

14 Clerk item 624-18 is an ordinance
15 supplemental to the annual appropriation
16 ordinance in connection with the fire marshal.

17 May I have a motion. Moved by
18 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator
19 Mule. The item is before us.

20 MR. PRIEST: John Priest,
21 Assistant Chief from the Fire Marshal's
22 Office. The 2016 targeted hazmat grant in the
23 amount of \$94,000. We have been getting this
24 for about ten years in a row now and this is
25 money to be distributed between the four major

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2 hazmat teams, fire marshal, police, Hicksville
3 Fire Department, Wantagh Fire department.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: Any debate or
5 discussion? Any public comment? I see none.
6 All those in favor of passing this item please
7 signify by saying aye. Any opposed? The item
8 passes unanimously.

9 There is no other business in front
10 of this committee. May I have a motion to
11 adjourn. Moved by Legislator Mule. Seconded
12 by Legislator Rhoads. All in favor? Thank
13 you. This committee is now adjourned.

14 (Meeting was adjourned at 5:13
15 P.M.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
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December 2018

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