Civil matters and law enforcement response

Civil matters, by definition, are disputes between private individuals or individuals and organizations.

Examples of these are:

**Contractual violations** (verbal or written)

**Property disputes** (lending of a vehicle or other property, ownership of items, distribution of items due to separation, divorce, death),

**Family relations** (divorce, child custody) and

**Torts** (these are situations in which injury or damage to property has been caused).

In these matters where no criminal law has been violated—there is typically NO law enforcement response UNLESS there is a court order signed by a judge clearly outlining law enforcements involvement.

Reports into Law Enforcement on matters of breach of trust (vehicles being loaned to known parties that are not returned within a known timeframe) will no longer be taken as this dispute or verbal contract violation does not rise to the level of a criminal matter.

**Criminal matters and law enforcement response**

Criminal matters are those actions considered harmful to society as whole. When a violation of law has occurred there IS a law enforcement response and investigation relative to the level of criminal violation.