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I would like to point out three recent cases which are typical of thousands that occur each year. On 24 October 1974, one John Myles was released on bail even though he was under three indictments for nine counts of armed robbery. He is now wanted on a warrant for yet another armed robbery. On 11 November 1974, one Thomas Reginald was arrested for robbery while on probation for Narcotics Violations and under indictment for armed robbery. On 12 November he was released after posting \$250 bail on a \$2,500 bond. During a recent weekend, one Paul Knox was arrested by our neighboring community of Evergreen Park for rape and robbery of two Chicago women. He was out on bail for a previous rape charge. Clearly our present bail bond system is thwarting the efforts of every policeman in Chicago.

As you probably know, State Representative Gerald Shea (D. Riverside) has drafted a bill for presentation to the Illinois General Assembly seeking an amendment to present Bail Bond procedures. The proposed bill would prevent a person already free on bond from taking advantage of the 10% rule, if arrested a second time. The bill would allow judges latitude in deciding the percentage allowable for posting bond in particular cases.

I am asking that all members of our Department endorse this legislation by writing their respective State Representatives. Police officers have remained a silent minority for too long; please express your views on this important legislation that affects our daily lives.

To make it convenient for you to express your opinion, on the reverse side of this PAX 501, write in the name and address of your representatives, sign your name and mail it. A list of representatives, their addresses, and a congressional district map are provided for posting on the bulletin board of each Department unit.

I feel this is one area in which all policemen, regardless of rank or affiliation, can find a common cause. Your help is needed. Please take the time to write your representative.

James M. Rochford

Superintendent of Police

(date)

Representative _____
(name)

(address)

(city-state-ZIP)

Dear Representative _____:

I am a Chicago Police Officer and wish to express my support for legislation to amend the bail bond procedures which has been proposed by Representative Gerald Shea of the 7th District.

Sincerely yours,

(name)

(address)

(city-state-ZIP)