WHEREAS, it is decidedly in the public interest that serious violent crimes which occur on state facilities run by the Department of Human Services are crimes properly investigated and prosecuted; and,

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Act of 1970, N.J.S.A. 52:17b-98, states that it is the public policy of this State:

- to provide for the general supervision of criminal justice by the Attorney General as chief law enforcement officer of the State, in order to secure the benefits of a uniform and efficient enforcement of the criminal law and the administration of criminal justice throughout the State; and,

WHEREAS, in order to promote statewide uniformity and accountability, it is appropriate for the Attorney General, in cooperation and consultation with the County Prosecutors, to issue and enforce procedures for the uniform investigation of crimes occurring at facilities run by the Department of Human Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John J. Farmer, Jr., Attorney General of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes of this State, do hereby direct that:

When an offense involving sexual assault, serious bodily injury or homicide, or an unattended death, occurs on the premises of any facility run by the Department of Human Services, the Human Services Police (appointed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4-14) shall immediately notify the local State Police Barracks. It shall be the responsibility of the local State Police Barracks to respond and notify the Major Crimes Section of State Police and the County Prosecutor of the County in which the institution is located whenever the preliminary investigation indicates that a crime involving serious bodily injury or death has occurred.

This Directive shall take effect immediately.

John J. Farmer, Jr.
Attorney General

ATTEST: Kathryn Flicker, Director
Division of Criminal Justice

DATED: November 27, 2001