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TO: Senator Pat Rodey, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PF.*

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 17
(Fingerprinting of Minors)

DATE: January 23, 1991

I would appreciate your scheduling the above referenced bill for a hearing before the Senate State Affairs Committee at your earliest possible convenience.

As vice chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee last session, I know you are very familiar with this legislation and are very much aware of the fact that it has been a priority of the coalition of law enforcement groups for several years.

It would be my desire that the Senate take a lead on this legislation and pass it over to the other body, early in the Session.

For your information Senate Bill 17 is identical to the Judiciary Committee Substitute passed by the Senate last year.

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

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Alaska Association Chiefs of Police



January 28, 1991

Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Senator Fisher

On behalf of the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police I want to express our whole hearted support for Senate Bill 17. The ability to fingerprint juveniles would be an important law enforcement tool.

We know that the majority of property offenses are committed by juveniles. Senate Bill 17 would help apprehend juveniles while still young in an effort to correct their behavior before they become adult career criminals.

If we can do anything to assist you in the passage of this bill, please contact me.

Sincerely,


Duane S. Odland
President

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Anchorage Daily News 2/23/90 E3

Police arrest suspect in Safeway stabbing

By MARILEE ENGE

Daily News reporter

Anchorage police on Thursday arrested a man suspected of stabbing two Safeway employees earlier this week after identifying him through the state's fingerprint computer.

Mike Troy White, 27, was charged with attempted murder and two counts of first-degree assault for the Monday morning stabbings. He was booked into Cook Inlet Pre-Trial Facility on \$100,000 bail.

Employees of the University Center Safeway store saw a man shoplift some cigarettes about 6 a.m. Monday, police said. When Donald Tomlinson and Dustin Prince tried to stop the man at the door, he pulled

a hunting knife and stabbed them.

Tomlinson was knifed in the back and underwent surgery at Providence Hospital. He was in stable condition there on Thursday. Price was treated for a leg wound and released.

Investigators took a fingerprint from the scene, ran it through the computer and came up with White's name. Then they pulled a photograph of him from state records and showed a photo line-up to witnesses, who identified him, said police spokesman Sgt. Walt Monegan.

Thursday, police found White at the Eagle Crest, a men's half-way house and residence hotel on Ninth Avenue. They surrounded the building and arrested him inside about 6 p.m.

Senate committee delays

The Associated Press

JUNEAU — A Senate committee vote on legislation that would ban flag desecration in Alaska was postponed Thursday because of a judge's ruling that the new federal flag-desecration law was unconstitutional.

The Senate Judiciary Committee had planned to approve the flag bill and

send it on its way.

But the committee's vote was delayed by Sen. Jan Faiks, said a spokesman.

"I don't think it's just for political reasons," Faiks said. "I don't think it's something that's just for political reasons." Faiks, R-Anchorage, said he would support the bill in the District Judiciary Committee.

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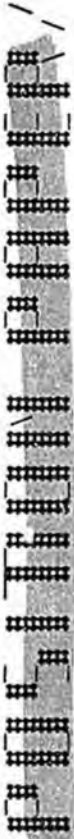
BILL NO: SB 17

DATE: January 28, 1991

TITLE: An Act Relating to the
Fingerprinting of Minors

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DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY



This bill would allow the fingerprinting of juveniles age 14 and older who are arrested for criminal offenses. The fingerprints would be taken for comparison with latent (crime scene) prints contained in the Alaska Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AAFIS).

This bill should have a positive impact on the ability of police to solve cases involving juvenile offenders. Over 40% of all persons arrested for theft and burglary offenses are juveniles (see attached chart). Fingerprint evidence is frequently found at crime scenes, but is not matched to any suspect because juveniles are not fingerprinted. A large number of theft and burglary offenses are "cleared" when adults are arrested and their fingerprints matched to latents from crimes committed when the offender was a juvenile. AAFIS records indicate that 22% of the crime scene prints identified by the system since 1985 have been from first-time adult arrests which matched latent prints taken from the scenes of crimes committed when the offender was a juvenile. See attached graph. Had these persons been fingerprinted as juvenile offenders they could have been identified, solving additional cases, and enabling the court to consider the offender's complete conduct when deciding the disposition of a case.

The Department of Public Safety supports SB 17.

Richard L. Burton
Commissioner

JUVENILE ARRESTS*

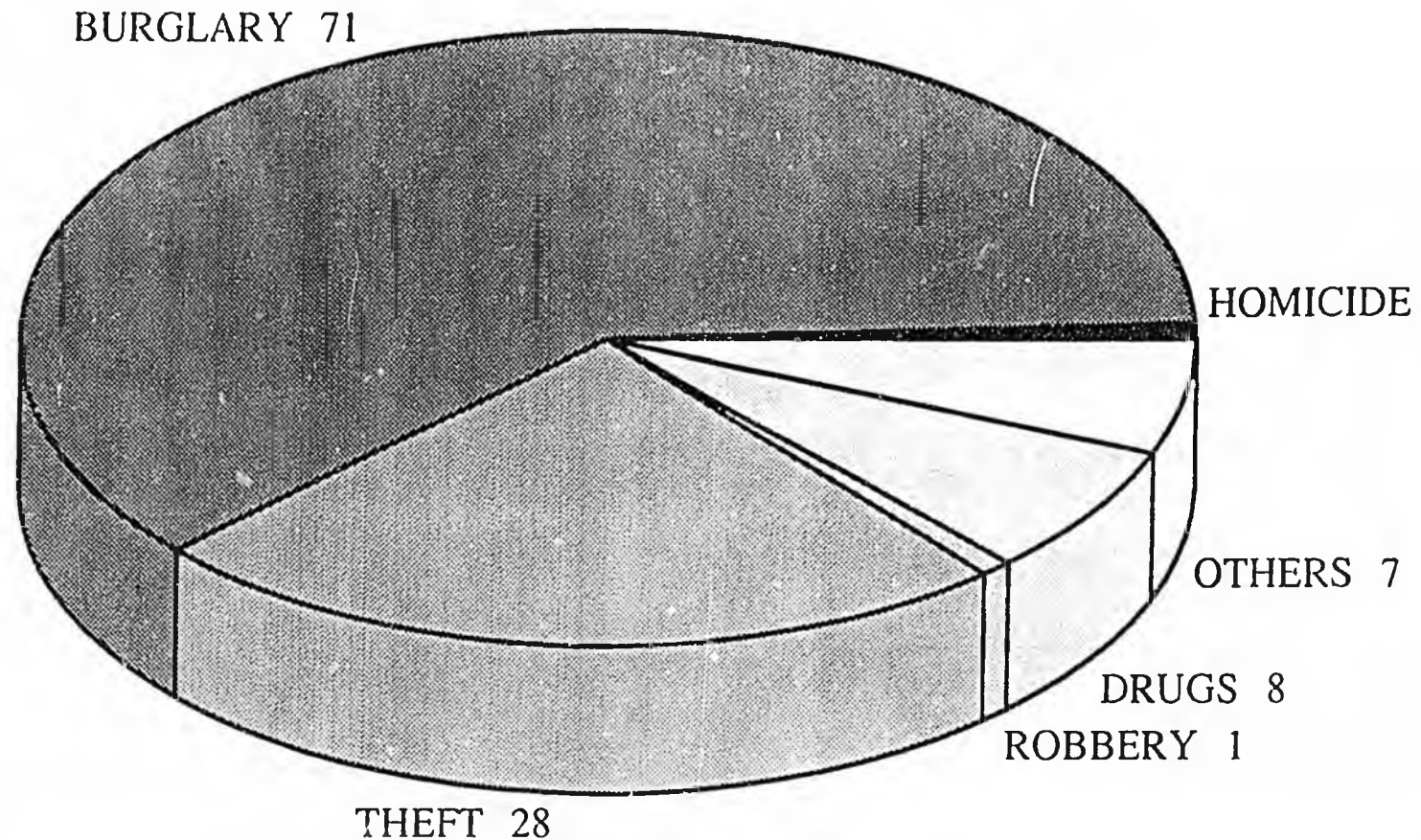
	1987	%	1988	%	1989	%
MAJOR FELONIES**						
Total Arrests	990		1100		2090	
Juveniles	96	9.7%	97	9%		
BURGLARY						
Total Arrests	1041		960		1004	
Juveniles	475	46.0%	509	49%	527	52.5%
LARCENY						
Total Arrests	4934		4398		4487	
Juveniles	1754	36.0%	1624	37%	1761	39.2%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT						
Total Arrests	331		481		512	
Juveniles	166	50.0%	214	44%	272	53.0%

*Data obtained from the 24 agencies submitting UCR figures to DPS.

**Major Felonies = Combined figures for Murder, Manslaughter, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault.

ALASKA AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM
(AAFIS)

JUVENILE LATENT IDENTIFICATIONS 1985 - 1990



LATENT IDENTIFIED BY SEARCHING A FIRST TIME ARREST CARD AGAINST THE UNSOLVED
LATENT DATA BASE. (CRIME WAS COMMITTED WHEN THE PERPETRATOR WAS A JUVENILE.)