SOUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

Approved as to Form and Legality

Date

May 12, 1981

County Counsel

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD

AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACT BETWEEN

PROSECUTOR'S DETECTIVES AND INVESTIGATORS

UNIT AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER, UPON APPROVAL

BY COUNTY COUNSEL. TWO (2) YEAR CONTRACT
JANUARY 1, 1981 TO DECEMBER 31, 1982

WHEREAS, Prosecutor's Detectives and Investigators Unit is the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the Prosecutor's Detectives and Investigators Unit; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Mercer to execute the contract, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Executive and Clerk to the Board be and they are hereby authorized to execute said contract between Prosecutor's Detectives and Investigators Unit and the County of Mercer, upon approval as to form and execution by the County Counsel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board forward a copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the contract, to the County Administrator, Personnel Director, Prosecutor's Detectives and Investigators Unit, the Prosecutor and to Perc (Public Employees Relations Commission), c/o Rutgers University.

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AGREEMENT

Between

MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR

and

PROSECUTOR'S DETECTIVES AND INVESTIGATORS' UNIT

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 1981
EXPIRATION: December 31, 1982

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor has voluntarily endorsed the practices and procedures of collective bargaining as a fair and orderly way of conducting its relations with its employees, insofar as such practices and procedures are appropriate to the functions and obligations of the Prosecutor's Office to retain the right to effectively operate in a responsible and efficient manner and are consonant with the paramount interests of the Prosecutor and the citizens of Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that this Agreement is not intended to modify any of the discretionary authority vested in the Prosecutor by the statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Agreement to provide, where not otherwise mandated by statute or ordinance, for the salary structure, fringe benefits, and employment conditions of employees covered by this Agreement, to prevent interruptions of work and interference with the efficient operations of the Prosecutor's Office and to provide an orderly and prompt method for handling and processing grievances;

This Agreement, dated , between the Prosecutor of the County of Mercer, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer," and the Prosecutor's Detectives and Investigators' Unit, hereinafter referred to as the "Union;" and

WHEREAS, the Employer and the Union entered into an Agreement on may /2, /98/ , which Agreement was approved by the Prosecutor of Mercer County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree with each other as follows:

1. RECOGNITION

1.1 The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and/or exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment for all of its employees in the classifications listed under Appendix A hereto, and by reference made a part of this Agreement, and for such additional classification as the parties may later agree to include.

2. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

2.1 The Employer retains and may exercise all rights, powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey. Except as specifically abridged, limited, or modified by the terms of this Agreement between the Employer and the Union, all such rights, powers, authority, prerogatives of management and responsibility to promulgate and enforce reasonable and necessary rules and regulations governing the conduct and the activities of the employees are exclusively retained by the Employer.

3. WORK SCHEDULES

- 3.1 The weekly work schedule shall consist of five (5) consecutive days in any seven (7) day period, which schedule shall be established by the Employer and may be changed by the Employer after giving reasonable notice.
- 3.2 The weekly work schedule and the starting time of work shifts shall be determined by the Employer and in emergency situations may be changed at the discretion of the Employer.
- 3.3 A workday shall consist of eight (8) hours, including one (1) hour for lunch which shall be unpaid.

4. OVERTIME

- 4.1 All employees covered by this Agreement, with the exceptions as set forth in the paragraph below, will be granted compensatory time off, on an hour-for-hour basis, for all overtime hours worked.
- 4.2 A minimum of eighteen (18) positions will be assigned to the Homicide, Rape Task Force, and Special Investigations Units. Those employees in the unit that are assigned to these positions will be paid a maximum of \$1,300 annually, prorated throughout the year on a bi-weekly basis, in lieu of overtime payments. Those employees assigned to these positions will receive said payments only while they continue to be assigned to those positions in the units noted above. Compensatory time will be granted to employees assigned to these units after the first 100 overtime hours the employee has worked, on an hour-for-hour basis.

In the event that a member of the Homicide, Rape Task Force, or Special Investigations Units is transferred to a non-overtime status position and has accumulated overtime hours in excess of the prorated payments received, said individual will be granted compensatory time off on a prorated hour-for-hour basis for the difference between the total amount of overtime hours worked and the total amount of prorated payments received. For the purpose of calculating this difference, an overtime rate of \$13.00 per hour will be used.

Personnel assigned to the eighteen (18) positions in those units noted above must guarantee 100 overtime hours during each calendar year to satisfy the \$1,300 annual payment. An overtime rate of \$13.00 per hour will be used for the purpose of satisfying this condition.

Effective January 1, 1982, the overtime stipend referred to in the paragraph above shall be increased to \$1,400 annually for 100 overtime hours and paid prorated throughout the year on a bi-weekly basis. For calculation purposes, an overtime rate of \$14.00 per hour will be used.

5. PAY SCALES OR RATES OF PAY

- 5.1 The 1981 pay scales for all employees covered by this Agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix A attached, and the 1982 pay scales for all employees covered by this Agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix B attached.
- 5.2 During the term of this Agreement, the pay scales will not be changed unless by mutual consent of the Employer and the Union.
- 5.3 All employees covered by this Agreement, hired prior to January 1, 1980, shall have their salaries increased during calendar years 1981 and 1982 as follows:
- a. Effective January 1, 1981, eight (8) percent on their base annual salaries as of December 31, 1980.
- b. Effective July 1, 1981, \$200 on their base annual salaries as of June 30, 1981, not to exceed the maximum of the range as set forth in Appendix A.
- c. Effective January 1, 1982, nine (9) percent on their base annual salaries as of December 31, 1981.
- d. Effective July 1, 1982, \$200 on their base annual salaries as of June 30, 1982, not to exceed the maximum of the range as set forth in Appendix B.
- 5.4 All employees covered by this Agreement, hired during the period January 1, 1980, through December 31, 1980, shall have their salaries increased during calendar years 1981 and 1982 as follows:
- a. In calendar year 1981, effective upon the completion of a one (1) year probationary period or the completion of the basic training course, whichever occurs first, said employees shall have their base annual salaries increased to \$14,200.
- b. Effective January 1, 1982, nine (9) percent on their base annual salaries as of December 31, 1981.
- c. Effective July 1, 1982, \$200 on their base annual salaries as of June 30, 1982, not to exceed the maximum of the range as set forth in Appendix B.
- 5.5 All employees covered by this Agreement, hired after January 1, 1981, shall have their salaries increased as follows:

- a. All employees who complete the basic training course prior to December 31, 1981, shall have their base annual salaries increased to \$14,200 effective upon the completion of said basic training course. Their salaries will be further increased by nine (9) percent, effective January 1, 1982, and by \$200, effective July 1, 1982.
- b. All employees who do not complete the basic training course prior to December 31, 1981, shall have their base annual salaries increased in calendar year 1982 to \$14,200, effective upon the completion of a one (1) year probationary period or completion of the basic training course, whichever occurs first. They will not be entitled to any other salary increases during the life of this Agreement.

6. INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

- 6.1 The County agrees to provide hospital/medical insurance through the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program to eligible employees and their families as defined in the amended program and set forth in the Group Insurance contracts issued to the State Health Benefits Commission.
- 6.2 The County agrees to provide hospital/medical insurance to eligible retired employees in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 88, Public Law of 1974.
- 6.3 The County agrees to provide retirement benefits to eligible employees in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System and/or the New Jersey Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System.
- 6.4 The County agrees to provide a \$2.50 co-payment Prescription Drug Program to eligible employees in accordance with the provisions of the contractual agreement between the County of Mercer and Blue Cross of New Jersey. Eligible employees, for the purposes of this Program, shall be defined as all full-time permanent and full-time unclassified employees only.
- 6.5 The County agrees to provide for the payment of accumulated unused sick leave at the time of retirement of an eligible County employee in accordance with the provisions established by Resolution Number 76-405, adopted September 14, 1976.
- 6.6 The County agrees to provide a Dental Insurance Program to eligible employees and their families, the premium costs for said program to be paid for by the County.

7. PAID LEAVES OF ABSENCES

- 7.1 Bereavement Days. In the event of the death of a member of the immediate family of any employee covered by this Agreement, the immediate family being mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, child, mother-in-law, father-inlaw, or any other relative living in the household of the employee, said employee shall be excused for a period beginning with the day of death or the day after the date of death to one (1) day after the funeral, but in no instance for more than five (5) consecutive days. In the event of the death of a grandparent or grandchild not living in the household of the employee, said employee shall be excused for the day of the funeral only. The employee will be paid his regular hourly rate for any such days of excused absence which occur during his normal work week, but in no event more than seven (7) hours pay for any one day.
- 7.2 Occupational Injury Leave. Any employee who is disabled because of occupational injury or illness shall be charged with loss of time up to and including the fifth consecutive working day from day after the date of injury or illness.

Any permanent or unclassified employee who is disabled for a period of more than five (5) consecutive working days as a result of occupational injury or illness shall be granted a leave of absence with full pay for the entire period of disability, such leave to be limited to a maximum period of one (1) year from date of injury or illness. Employees returning from authorized leave of absence as set forth above will be restored to their original job classification and shift at the then appropriate rate of pay with no loss of seniority or other employee rights, privileges, or benefits.

The leave of absence with full pay for work-related injuries or illness referred to in the paragraph above shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. Causation. The employee's disability must be an injury or illness resulting from or arising from the employment.
- (1) Injuries which would clearly not have occurred but for a specific work-related accident or a condition of employment are compensable.
- (2) Pre-existing physical illnesses, diseases, or defects aggravated by the employment shall not be compensable where such aggravated injury was a condition of the job that was foreseeable by the employee.

- (3) Psychological or psychiatric illness shall not be compensable, except where such illness may be traced to a specific work-related accident or occurrence which traumatized the employee, thereby creating the illness, and the claim is supported by medical documentation.
- (4) Illnesses such as heart disorder, not clearly caused by the employment or the work environment, are not compensable.
- b. Physical Area. Any accident resulting in injury for which the employee seeks compensation must occur on the work premises.
- (1) Work premises shall be defined as the physical operation of the Employer, e.g. hospital and hospital grounds, building and parking facilities provided by the Employer for the benefit of its employees, etc.
- (2) The employee shall be compensated for any injury which occurs off the normal work premises while he is clearly acting within the scope of the employment.
- c. <u>Time</u>. For an injury to be compensable, it must occur during the employee's normal working hours or during approved overtime hours.
- d. <u>Burden of Proof</u>. In all cases, the burden of proof is on the employee.

Any temporary, provisional, or CETA employee who is disabled as a result of occupational injury or illness shall not be entitled to a leave of absence with full pay as outlined above, but shall be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law from date of injury or illness.

- 7.3 Sick Leave. All full-time permanent, full-time unclassified, full-time temporary, and full-time provisional employees shall be entitled to sick leave with pay.
- a. Sick leave may be utilized by employees when they are unable to perform their work by reason of personal illness, maternity, accident, or exposure to contagious disease. Sick leave may also be utilized for short periods for the attendance by the employee upon a member of the immediate family who is seriously ill. Sick leave may be taken in one-half day units.

- b. The minimum sick leave with pay shall accrue to any full-time permanent employee and any full-time unclassified employee on the basis of one (1) working day per month during the remainder of the first calendar year of employment after initial appointment and fifteen (15) working days in every calendar year thereafter, said fifteen (15) days to be credited effective January 1 of each succeeding year.

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- c. The minimum sick leave with pay shall accrue to any full-time temporary, full-time provisional, or full-time CETA employee at the rate of one (1) working day per month as earned.
- d. Any amount of sick leave allowance not used in any calendar year shall accumulate at the employee's credit from year to year to be used if and when needed for such purpose.
- e. An employee shall not be reimbursed for accrued sick leave at the time of termination of his employment except as provided under Paragraph 6.5.
- f. If an employee is absent for reasons that entitle him to sick leave, the employee's supervisor shall be notified promptly as of the employee's usual reporting time, except in those work situations where notice must be made prior to the employee's starting time in compliance with specific department regulations.
- (1) Failure to so notify his supervisor shall be cause for denial of the use of sick leave for that absence.
- (2) Absence without proper notice for five (5) consecutive days shall constitute a resignation not in good standing.
- g. (1) The Prosecutor may require proof of illness of an employee on sick leave, whenever such requirements appear reasonable. Abuse of sick leave shall be cause for disciplinary action.
- (2) In case of leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a certificate from the Department of Health shall be required.
- (3) The Prosecutor may require an employee who has been absent because of personal illness, as a condition of his return to duty, to be examined by the County Medical Examiner or by a physician designated by the Medical Examiner. Such examination shall establish whether the employee is capable of performing his normal duties without limitations and that his return will not jeopardize the health of the other employees.

- h. Part-time temporary, part-time provisional, seasonal, or hourly paid employees shall not be entitled to sick leave.
- i. Sick leave credits shall continue to accrue while an employee is on leave with pay. Credits shall not accrue while an employee is on any leave without pay except military leave.
- Personal Leave Days. All full-time permanent or unclassified employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to three (3) days per year leave of absence with pay for personal business which may be taken in one-half day units. Said leave shall not be taken unless 48 hours notice thereof has been given to the employee's supervisor. In the event that 48 hours notice cannot be given, said leave may be taken only upon authorization of said supervisor. The Prosecutor reserves the right to deny requests for personal days as conditions warrant, but authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld. Personal days shall not be taken in conjunction with vacation leave.

8. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

- 8.1 Any unauthorized absence of an employee from duty shall be an absence without leave and is cause for disciplinary action.
- 8.2 Leave granted for a particular reason and used for a purpose other than that for which such leave has been granted, shall be unauthorized absence and may be cause for disciplinary action.

9. NON-PAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- 9.1 A permanent employee shall be entitled to a leave of absence without pay to accept a permanent appointment with another governmental agency in New Jersey for a period not to exceed four (4) months.
- 9.2 All other leaves of absence without pay shall be at the discretion of the Employer.
- 9.3 Employees returning from authorized leaves of absence as set forth in Paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2 above will be restored to their original classifications and salaries which they were earning at the time leave was granted. Said employees will suffer no loss of seniority or other employee rights, privileges, or benefits, provided, however, that sick leave, vacation leave, and longevity credits shall not accrue except for those on military leave.

10. SENIORITY

- 10.1 Seniority is defined as an employee's continuous length of service with the County beginning with his last date of hire.
- 10.2 Seniority may be given preference in layoffs, recall, vacation, and scheduling.
- 10.3 The Prosecutor shall maintain an accurate, up-to-date seniority roster showing each employee's date of hire, classification, and pay rate and shall furnish copies of same to the Union upon request.
- 10.4 The Prosecutor shall promptly advise the appropriate Union representative of any changes which necessitate amendments to the seniority list.

11. HOLIDAYS

11.1 The following days are recognized paid holidays whether or not worked:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King's
Birthday
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day

Labor Day
Columbus Day
General Election Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Day

- 11.2 Holidays enumerated in Paragraph II.1 above which fall on a Saturday shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday; holidays which fall on a Sunday shall be celebrated on the following Monday; holidays which fall within an employee's vacation period shall be celebrated at the employee's option unless the Prosecutor determines that it cannot be taken because of pressure of work.
- 11.3 In order to be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must be on the active payroll of the County and must have worked his full regularly scheduled workday before and after the holiday, unless such absence is authorized with pay or ordered.

12. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

12.1 A grievance is defined as:

- a. A claimed breach, misinterpretation, or improper application of the terms of this Agreement; or
- b. A claimed violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of rules and regulations, existing policy, or orders, applicable to the division or department which employs the grievant affecting the terms and conditions of employment.

A claimed grievance shall be discussed between the employee and a supervisor and, if unresolved after discussion, shall be resolved in the following manner:

Step One: The unit representative or employee, or both, shall take up the grievance or dispute with the Prosecutor within ten (10) days of its occurrence. It shall be stated in writing and signed by the grievant. No later than five (5) days after receipt of grievance, the Prosecutor shall render a decision in writing.

Step Two: If the grievance has not been settled within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the written reply of the Prosecutor, the unit may request the Public Employment Relations Commission to supply the parties with a panel of arbitrators. The arbitrator shall be selected by the parties in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Public Employment Relations Commission. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties; it being understood that such binding arbitration is limited exclusively to disputes involving the application, meaning, or interpretation of this Agreement.

- 12.2 Expenses for the arbitrator's services and the proceedings shall be borne equally by the Employer and the Union. However, each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, providing it pays for the record.
- 12.3 The Union will notify the Employer in writing of the names of its employees who are designated by the Union to represent employees under the grievance procedure. An employee so designated by the Union will be permitted to confer with other Union representatives, employees, and employment representatives regarding matters of employee representation, during working hours and without loss of pay provided, however, that all said employees shall secure the permission of their immediate superiors, which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

13. SAFETY AND HEALTH

- 13.1 The Employer shall at all times maintain safe and healthful working conditions.
- 13.2 The Employer and the Union shall each designate a safety committee member and two alternates. It shall be the joint responsibility of the members or their alternates to investigate and correct unsafe and unhealthful conditions. The members or their alternates shall meet periodically as necessary to review conditions in general and to make recommendations to either or both parties when appropriate. The safety committee member representing the Union or one of his alternates, with the approval of the Employer, shall be permitted reasonable opportunity to visit work locations throughout the Employer's facilities for the purpose of investigating safety and health conditions during working hours with no loss of pay.

14. EQUAL TREATMENT

- 14.1 The Employer agrees that there shall be no discrimination or favoritism for reasons of sex, age, nationality, race, religion, political affiliation, union membership, or union activities.
- 14.2 The Prosecutor and the Union agree not to interfere with the right of employees to become or not to become members of the Union and further that there shall be no discrimination against any employee because of union membership or non-membership.

15. WORK RULES

15.1 The Prosecutor may establish reasonable and necessary rules of work and conduct for employees. Such rules shall be equitably applied and enforced.

16. ANNUAL VACATION LEAVE

- 16.1 All full-time permanent and full-time unclassified employees shall be entitled to vacation leave based on their years of continuous service. Period on a leave of absence without pay except military leave shall be deducted from an employee's total continuous service for purposes of determining the earned service credit for vacation leave.
- 16.2 Annual vacation leave with pay for all full-time permanent employees shall be earned as follows:
- a. One (1) working day of vacation for each month of service during the remainder of the calendar year following the date of appointment.
- b. After one (1) year and to completion of five (5) years, 12 working days.
- c. From beginning of sixth year and to completion of tenth year, 15 working days.
- d. From beginning of eleventh year and to completion of fifteenth year, 20 working days.
- e. After completion of fifteenth year, 25 working days.
- 16.3 Annual vacation leave with pay for all full-time temporary, full-time provisional, and CETA employees shall be earned at the rate of one (1) day per month.
- 16.4 The rate of vacation pay shall be the employee's regular straight time rate of pay in effect for the employee's regular job on the payday immediately preceding the employee's vacation period.
- 16.5 An employee who is called back to work while on authorized vacation shall be paid one (1) day's pay in addition to regular day's pay and shall not lose vacation day or days.
- 16.6 Vacation allowance must be taken during the current calendar year unless the Prosecutor determines that it cannot be taken because of the pressure of work. Any vacation allowance so denied may be carried over into the next succeeding year. A maximum of ten (10) vacation days, at the option of the employee, may be carried over from one calendar year into the succeeding year.

- 16.7 A permanent employee who returns from military service other than any active duty for training with any military reserve or National Guard unit is entitled to full vacation allowance for the calendar year of return and for the year preceding, providing the latter can be taken during the year of return.
- 16.8 An employee covered by this Agreement who is retiring or who has otherwise separated shall be entitled to the vacation allowance for the current year prorated upon the number of months worked in the calendar year in which the separation or retirement becomes effective and any vacation leave which may have been carried over from the preceding calendar year.

Whenever an employee covered by this Agreement dies, having to his credit any annual vacation leave, there shall be calculated and paid to his estate a sum of money equal to the compensation figured on his salary rate at the time of death.

- 16.9 Part-time temporary, part-time provisional, seasonal, or hourly paid employees shall not be entitled to vacation leave.
- 16.10 Vacation leave credits shall continue to accrue while an employee is on leave with pay. Vacation credits shall not accrue while an employee is on leave without pay except military leave.

17. LONGEVITY

17.1 Every full-time employee, temporary or permanent, classified or unclassified, of the County of Mercer, shall be paid longevity payments on a prorated basis with each salary check during the calendar year, and such longevity payment shall be considered in total with the salary for pension purposes.

Employees having completed five (5) years of continuous service will have added to their gross per annum pay an additional \$200 commencing with the first pay of the first full pay period following said anniversary of hire, and for the eompletion of each additional five (5) years of service calculated in the same manner using employee anniversary dates, shall have added to their gross per annum pay, an additional \$300.

Any interruption of service due to a cause beyond the control of the employee, i.e. for military service, injury, or illness, shall be considered as service for the County of Mercer for the purpose of determining the completion of said cumulative period of service with the County of Mercer. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to apply to any person whose employment has been terminated for any reason prior to the effective date of the adoption of this contract.

Such additional longevity payments shall be paid notwithstanding the maximum salary provided for such employment.

18. CLOTHING MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

- 18.1 The County agrees to provide an annual \$100 clothing maintenance allowance to all employees covered by this Agreement. This allowance shall be earned on a quarterly basis, provided the employee works a minimum of one (1) day in any calendar quarter, and shall be paid semi-annually during June and December.
- 18.2 New employees, retired employees, or deceased employees shall be paid a prorated share of the clothing maintenance allowance, based upon the formula set forth in Paragraph 18.1 above, payable in either June or December.
- 18.3 Employees covered by this Agreement who voluntarily terminate their employment with the County of Mercer or whose employment is terminated for cause shall not be entitled to payment of the clothing maintenance allowance or any prorated portion thereof.

19. CLASSIFICATIONS AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS

19.1 The classifications for employees covered by this Agreement are attached hereto as Appendix A and Appendix B and by reference are made part of this Agreement.

20. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

20.1 In addition to any other restriction under the law, the Union and its members will not cause a strike or work stoppage of any kind, nor will any employees take part in a strike, intentionally slow down the rate of work, or in any manner cause interference with or stoppage of the Employer's work.

21. OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

Any employee covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to hold part-time employment, provided, however, that all such employment is approved in advance by the Prosecutor. The decision of the Prosecutor shall be final and shall not be the subject of an arbitration or grievance.

22. GENERAL PROVISIONS

22.1 The provisions of this Agreement shall only apply to those employees in the unit who are on the County payroll and actively at work on or after the date of the execution of this Agreement and those former employees whose employment was terminated by death or retirement prior to the date of execution of this Agreement.

23. SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS

23.1 If any provision of this Agreement is subsequently declared by the proper legislative or judicial authority or court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable, or not in accordance with applicable statutes, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

Upon request of either party, the parties agree to meet and renegotiate any provision so affected.

24. TERMINATION

- 24.1 Subject to the terms of this Agreement and the grievance procedure, the Prosecutor has the right and responsibility to direct the affairs of the Prosecutor's Office, including the right to plan, control, and direct the operation of the personnel.
- This Agreement shall be effective as of the first day of January, 1981, and shall remain in full force and effect until the 31st day of December, 1982. It shall be renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall give written notice of its desire to modify the Agreement. Such notice shall be made by certified mail or personal service by August 18 of any succeeding year.

In the event that such notice is given, negotiations shall begin not later than 120 days prior to the anniversary date; this Agreement shall remain in full force and be effective during the period of negotiations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed by their proper officers and attested to on the 13^{+1} day of MAY, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One.

ATTEST:

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PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE:

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Mercer County Prosecutor

PROSECUTOR'S DETECTIVES AND INVESTIGATORS' UNIT:

John Byrne

County Investigator

COUNTY OF MERCER:

ATTEST:

Joyce L. McDade, Clerk

Board of Freeholders

BILL MATHESIUS

County Executive

APPENDIX A

1981 Salary Ranges

County Detective \$12,800 - \$21,903

County Investigator \$12,800 - \$21,903

APPENDIX B

1982 Salary Ranges

County Detective \$12,800 - \$23,874

County Investigator \$12,800 - \$23,874