## MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 109.00 AUTHORITY TO DISMISS CRIMINAL CHARGES

**Effective Date: August, 2011** 

Approved:

Chief of Police

- I. No officer shall take actions or make recommendations which would result in non-prosecution of a traffic or criminal case unless written justification for the release through the chain of supervision is approved.
- II. The interests of justice, medical, or mental health concerns may be best served by the release without charges of a person arrested for a Class C misdemeanor or non-prosecution of an offense higher than a Class C misdemeanor. The Station Sergeant may authorize release on Class C misdemeanor offenses. A lieutenant or above may authorize release on offenses higher than a Class C misdemeanor. (see Exhibit No. 5 Notice to Appear)
- III. An individual arrested for public intoxication will not be released from custody as long as he is under the influence of alcohol or any other substance, to the degree that he may endanger himself or another. As a general guideline, most prisoners arrested for public intoxication should be eligible for release in four hours.
- IV. A prisoner shall be released immediately upon production of a valid Writ of Habeas Corpus.
- V. Prior to the medical transport of any prisoner, the Station Sergeant will inform the prisoner (if medical release is being completed), that they are no longer in custody of the Mesquite Police Department and that their criminal charges will be filed "At Large." The Station Sergeant will further inform Paramedic personnel if the prisoner is still in police custody or that the prisoner is released from custody due to medical reasons. (see Exhibit No. 100-6 Dismissal of Charges/Release Pending Analysis)

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## MUNICIPAL COURT

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**Exhibit No. 100-5 Municipal Court Notice to Appear** 

## MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT DISMISSAL OF CHARGES/RELEASE PENDING ANALYSIS Date: Defendant: Charge: Arrest #: \_\_\_\_\_MNI #:\_\_\_\_ Booking #: **REASON:** $\Box$ Release Pending Analysis $\Box$ Medical $\Box$ Other CHARGES TO BE FILED $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No RELEASE AUTHORITY: NARCOTICS OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ JAIL SERGEANT \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_ COMMAND LEVEL OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT REVIEW				
CAPTAIN:	DATE/TIME:			
CID SECRETARY:	DATE/TIME:			
RECORDS:	DATE/TIME:			
Please Initial, Date, and Forward.				

Exhibit No. 100-6 Dismissal of Charges/Release Pending Analysis