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**TO: ALL BERGEN COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE, POLICE DIRECTORS,  
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**FROM: PROSECUTOR MARK MUSELLA**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

**SUBJECT: BERGEN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
DIRECTIVE NO. 2020-13- HANDLE WITH CARE**

On October 6, 2020, the Attorney General issued **Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2020-9 Directive Establishing "Statewide Handle With Care" Program**. That Directive which takes effect on December 31, 2020, requires that prior to that date, all local law enforcement agencies contact the public and private schools in their jurisdictions, from pre-school to high school to determine the appropriate Points of Contacts at those schools to receive Handle With Care Notices with respect to students who are exposed to traumatic events. Beginning December 31, 2020, local law enforcement agencies will be responsible for notifying the Points of Contact whenever a student is subject to a traumatic event.

This Directive is addressed to those traumatic events which involve law enforcement activity in Bergen County by non-local agencies, such as the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, the State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation or any other non-local law enforcement agency. In many of those incidents, local agencies will be called upon to assist non-local agencies. In those cases, since the local agencies will be aware of the Points of Contact in their jurisdictions, it will be the responsibility of the local agencies to make the Handle With Care Notices to the relevant Points of Contact, as mandated by the Attorney General's Directive.



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As always, I thank you for your cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Musella', written over a horizontal line.

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