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**Police Monitor files Intervention in NOPD Consent Decree**

On August 7, 2012, the Office of Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) and the Police Monitor (IPM), Susan Hutson, filed a motion to intervene in the federal lawsuit between City of New Orleans and the United States Government. The OIPM was assisted by legal counsel, John S. Williams, Esq.

The OIPM and IPM filed this intervention in hopes of gaining meaningful involvement in the Consent Decree. “My clients filed this intervention because the People of New Orleans’ mandate to the OIPM may be jeopardized by the proposed Consent Decree Agreement,” says Attorney John Williams.

Police Monitor Hutson is also concerned that, despite precedents in other consent decree cities that demanded municipal investment in local police oversight, this agreement does nothing to strengthen or support local police oversight. “The New Orleans Consent Decree can ensure that the OIPM is able to meet its mission as mandated by the people of New Orleans and make a lasting impact on policing in New Orleans. However the OIPM needs to have its voice heard. The current document does not perform this vital function. New Orleans is not a city where effective monitoring can occur without local intervention,” says Hutson.

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