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**BOSTON**— Today, Representative Vinny deMacedo (R, Plymouth) and Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz announce a public hearing date for their Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Bill. This critical bill is set to be heard on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This public hearing, for bills currently held by the Joint Judiciary Committee, will be heard in Gardner Auditorium at the State House.

House Bill 625, “An Act Relative to Mandatory Sentences for those committing an assault on a law enforcement officer,” seeks to stop individuals from even thinking about firing at a police officer. Representative deMacedo described the bill and its intentions saying, “this bill’s goal is to show a commitment from this Legislature that gun-fire directed at police will not be tolerated. There is simply zero tolerance for anyone convicted of this kind of behavior towards a police officer.” With the passage of this bill, anyone who is convicted of firing at an officer will face at least 10 years in jail.

District Attorney Tim Cruz stated “When criminals cross the line and threaten the very people who protect us, then we as a society have to come together and send the clear message that it will not be tolerated. If you shoot at a police officer, then you are going to prison – and you are going for a long time.”

“Law enforcement officers work every day to make sure that our streets are safe, that our homes and businesses are secure, and that our children grow up in peaceful communities. They are on the front line, protecting all of us from criminals who would do us harm,” said District Attorney Cruz.

Testimony is expected to be heard from police officers, and the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office.

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