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In cases involving young victims or witnesses of crimes, this Service has followed an informal policy of paying the expenses incurred by a parent who attends court with their child for the purpose of providing moral support in that stressful situation. The Service wishes to formalize this policy and inform Crown Attorneys and the police in this regard. This policy would include situations where the victim is an adolescent, or where his or her family resides outside the Province.

In such circumstances, the Service is prepared, when requested, to cover the costs of one parent's transportation and living expenses while travelling to and being present with their child at the court appearance for the purpose of providing moral support.

All Chiefs of Police and R.C.M.P. Detachment Commanders are asked to inform their staff of this policy.