

# Fingerprint Plan Before Board

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## Proposal to Register All Sex Offenders Referred to Police Chief

A recommendation by President Henry G. Bodkin that some action be taken on the proposal to require the registration and fingerprinting of all persons in the city convicted of sex offenses, for the protection of the populace, yesterday was referred by the board to Chief of Police Arthur C. Hohmann for a report and recommendation.

Referring to the Board of  
Police Commissioners

Bodkin referred to a communication from the 10th District P.T.A. urging such action on the part of the City Council through an amendment to the Municipal Code.

The communication, which had been referred to the board, urged adoption of an ordinance to register, photograph and fingerprint not only those who have served sentences for sex offenses, but also those placed on probation, and that such records also contain previous records and family history of the offenders.

"We are menaced by an alarming increase in cases of indecent exposure and lewd conduct on the part of sex offenders," the P.T.A. communication stated.

Chief Hohmann said that the law at present provides for registration and fingerprinting of those convicted of felonies and violation of narcotics laws. He spoke favorably of the plan to require registration of sex offenders and degenerates of all types.