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In order to have the registrar's offices at Brooklyn College vacated by those illegally occupying them, the college sought and was granted a temporary restraining order very early Tuesday, October 22.

The persons continued to occupy the offices. Based on this contempt of the temporary restraining order, the court, late Tuesday, October 22, ordered the sheriff to arrest those persons illegally occupying the offices.

On Wednesday, October 23, the sheriff met with officials of the college to attempt to insure an orderly process of arrest. If the arrests were orderly, they could be accomplished by the sheriff and 20 deputy sheriffs. It was the judgment of the sheriff that a backup police force should be present. Accordingly, the 63rd police precinct was contacted. Counsel representing the occupants was informed of the warrant.

At the request of the sheriff on Wednesday, October 23, Henry Minor, a lawyer representing the persons occupying the college offices, and Caesar Perales, a community liaison, met with the Sheriff, Mary Bass, General Counsel to the Board of Higher Education, Allen London, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and representatives of the Police Department.

At that time the following procedures for the evacuation of the offices were agreed upon:

Fifteen minutes prior to the presence of the sheriff, the Board's counsel would speak to the illegal occupants, telling