



REPEAT OFFENDER UNIT

FC No.: 615

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If a provision of a regulation, departmental directive, or rule conflicts with a provision of the contract, the contract prevails except where the contract provision conflicts with State law or the Police Collective Bargaining Law. (FOP Contract, Article 61)

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I. Policy

The Repeat Offender **Unit (ROU)** will seek to reduce the incidence of specific criminal offenses occurring within our jurisdiction by identifying and targeting the career criminal for prosecution and incarceration.

II. Organization and Administration

- A. The **ROU** is part of the Special Investigations Division (SID).
- B. **ROU** Investigators are exempt from SID's rotation policy.
- C. **ROU** personnel will be subject to unannounced periodic urinalysis at the discretion of the Director, SID.

III. Responsibilities

- A. ROU investigators are responsible for identifying, locating, and apprehending individuals designated as career criminals or any criminal that poses a significant threat to person(s) or property in Montgomery County or throughout the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area and has a connection to Montgomery County.
- B. *The Repeat Offender Unit is also the primary surveillance and apprehension team for the Major Crimes Division.*

IV. Career Criminals

Adults and juveniles (16 and 17 years of age) with two or more arrests for crimes of violence (**murder, rape, robbery, 1st degree assault, major drug offender**), drugs, sexual offenses, weapons, **and burglary** are designated as career criminals.

V. Career Criminal Targets

Career criminal targets will be developed employing the following strategies:

A. Investigative Targets

Investigative targets are individuals who are not currently wanted, but for which a strong possibility exists that they are involved in criminal activity. These targets are developed primarily through intelligence information obtained through criminal history, referrals from ***within the department and other outside law enforcement agencies***, tips from Crime Solvers, and informant information.

B. Warrant Targets

Warrant targets are individuals who are currently wanted for offenses meeting **ROU** criteria. The **ROU** will review active warrants on file and develop possible targets. Uniformed officers and investigators obtaining warrants may contact the **ROU** supervisor for assistance in locating and apprehending suspects. Officers should consider this option particularly if the arrest is considered a high-risk situation or the suspect is in a different district or local area jurisdiction.

C. Case Enhancement Targets

Investigators will conduct criminal history checks on persons held for bond review or arrested and released on recognizance in order to quickly identify the repeat offender. This information will be provided to the State's Attorney's Office to enhance the prosecution and seek maximum sentencing.

VI. **Referrals to ROU**

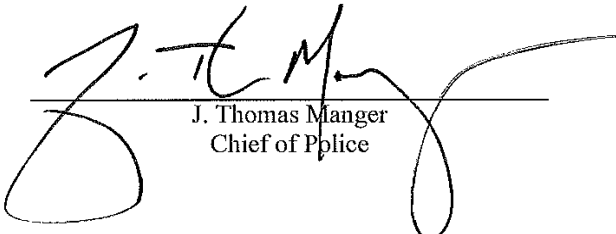
Referrals may be made by completing the MCP 615, "Repeat Offender **Unit** Target Referral" and forwarding it via e-mail or faxing it to the **ROU**. Officers and investigators may refer any subject thought to be engaged in unlawful activity ***that poses a significant threat to person(s) or property and/or is designated as a career criminal*** by **ROU**. A **ROU** Detective will perform a complete background check on the subject. If the subject meets **ROU** criteria, **ROU** will investigate the target. The referring officer/investigator and the **ROU** detective assigned the case will communicate and coordinate the investigation.

VII. **CALEA Standards:** 42.1.4, 42.1.5, 42.2.2, 74.3.1, 74.3.2

VIII. **Proponent Unit:** Repeat Offender **Unit**

IX. **Cancellation**

This directive cancels Function Code 615, effective date ***05-14-04***.



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