
	MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT
	210.00 INVESTIGATIVE SUSPENSION GUIDELINES
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	Approved: _____ <div style="text-align: center;">  Chief of Police </div>

I. Duties and Responsibilities

A. Criminal Investigations Bureau

The Criminal Investigation Bureau shall have follow-up investigative responsibility on all cases. Cases cleared by arrest shall be reviewed for sufficiency of evidence and proper form. Incomplete cases shall be returned to the Operations Bureau Commander for correction/completion.

B. Case Review/Assignment

The assigning supervisor shall review each case for completeness and solvability factors. Cases having a chance for solution will be assigned for follow-up investigation, utilizing the case assignment schedule.

C. Early Case Suspension

1. Early case suspension means that a case will be assigned "inactive upon receipt" when it is believed that further investigation would not be productive.
2. The assigning supervisor will review each case for solvability factors. Each case that does not meet the solvability factor requirement will be assigned inactive.
 - a. Can the complainant or witness identify the offender?
 - b. Is the offender known to the complainant or witness?
 - c. Does the complainant or witness know where the offender is located?
 - d. Is there physical evidence at the scene which would aid in the solution of the case?
 - e. Is the complainant or witness willing to view photographs to aid in identifying the offender?
 - f. Can the complainant or witness provide a meaningful description of the offender (address, auto, scars, etc.)?
 - g. Would inactivation of this case have an adverse reaction by the community to the crime?
 - h. Does the crime involve a sensitive or unusual place or person (church, school child, elderly person, mental defective)?
 - i. Is there a pattern of such crimes in the area which points to a single individual or a group of persons?
 - j. Does the number of similar type crimes in a given area raise questions concerning the department's image or its performance and efficiency?

3. Case Suspension after Investigation

Cases assigned for investigation may be deemed inactive after investigative efforts have failed to produce evidence that would classify the case as one of the following: CBA, Exceptionally Cleared, Information Only or Unfounded.

The assigned investigator may inactivate a case if he can answer no to all the following questions:

- a) Can a suspect(s) or accomplice(s) be identified?
- b) Has a full description or a distinctive partial description of the suspect or accomplice been developed?
- c) Is there data available about the suspect(s) or accomplice(s), such as address or location frequented?

- d) Can a victim or witness identify the suspect or accomplice from a photo file or line-up?
- e) Is any property associated with the crime traceable?
- f) Is the suspect or accomplice vehicle license number traceable?
- g) Is a good description of the vehicle known, or is a distinctive description of the vehicle or its contents known and traceable?
- h) Can a suspect's fingerprint(s) be obtained?
- i) Has significant physical evidence (either traceable or uniquely distinctive) been developed?
- j) Are unusual, distinctive, or significant modus operandi patterns present?
- k) Was there a definite limited opportunity for anyone except the suspect(s) to have committed the crime?
- l) Is there other significant reason in the judgment of the case investigator to believe the crime may be solved with an additional amount of investigative effort?
- m) Is the crime of such magnitude that the public would expect a police investigation?

If the investigator can answer yes to any one of these questions, he will not inactivate the crime report.

4. Recordkeeping Procedures

Upon a report being classified as inactive, the report will be reviewed and approved by a supervisor and submitted to the Custodian of Records.

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