5-09/050.00 - Protection of Endangered Witness

All requests and court orders for witness security and/or relocation will be assigned to the Detective Division. Units receiving such requests shall immediately make a telephone notification to Major Crimes Bureau, Metro Detail, for further instruction. During weekends, holidays, and all other non-business hours, notification shall be made to Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau and they will notify the on-call Major Crimes Bureau Supervisor. The method and level of security shall be determined by the Detective Division in cooperation with the requesting division, agency, district attorney, or court. Necessary personnel and equipment from the Detective Division will be augmented, on request, by the field personnel. Major Crimes Bureau will effect all necessary arrangements and any other specific requirements. Narcotics Bureau and Homicide Bureau are exempted from this policy and will handle their own witness protection cases. All funding for Endangered Witness Security Operations will be processed by the Major Crimes Bureau.