

Unit Order 32 - Photographing Non-Custodial Vice Suspects

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this station order is to establish procedures regarding non-custodial photographs of vice-related suspects.

SCOPE:

This order applies to all field personnel.

ORDER:

Photographs shall not be taken by members of this station, in non-custodial situations, of known or suspected prostitutes or other vice related suspects to be used for photographic show-ups and suspect identifications except in the following cases:

- Personnel shall be assigned to investigative units actively involved in conducting criminal investigations or reported crimes,
- Personnel shall be assigned to units specifically assigned the responsibility of preventing and suppressing vice activity.

In the above exceptions, personnel shall be prepared to justify, in detail, the purpose and necessity for such non-custodial photographs, e.g., photographs needed to eliminate a person as a possible suspect in a reported crime.

In any investigation involving the taking of non-custodial identification photographs, the person to be photographed must willingly consent to the procedure. In no event shall Department personnel physically force or coerce anyone to be photographed in non-custodial situations.

The above does not affect the current process of photographing an arrestee.
