5-09/120.45 - Missing Child Turning Eighteen Years Old While Still Missing

In cases where a missing child becomes an adult, while still a reported missing child, the case may be reassigned to Homicide Bureau, Missing Persons Detail, with the prior approval from Homicide Bureau, Missing Persons Detail. The investigating detective from the station/unit must determine the person is still missing and all workable leads have been exhausted, prior to contacting Homicide Bureau, Missing Persons Detail, for reassignment approval. If Homicide Bureau, Missing Persons Detail, approves the reassignment, the investigating detective of the station/unit shall prepare a supplemental report indicating all information developed in attempting to locate the missing person and the case shall be reassigned to Homicide Bureau, Missing Persons Detail.

The statistical code shall be changed by the station/unit to a "400" in a supplemental report and the Los Angeles Regional Crime Information System (LARCIS) shall be updated using the Case Status Disposition Code of 110 and the Participant (Suspect) Disposition Code of 99. Homicide Bureau, Missing Persons Detail, shall update all NCIC entries, unless the station/unit is directed by Homicide Bureau, Missing Persons Detail, to update NCIC.

If Homicide Bureau, Missing Persons Detail, does not approve the reassignment of the case, or there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the disappearance and the case was that of a routine runaway, the station/unit detective **may** close the case. The detective shall submit a closing supplemental report indicating the reasons for closing the case. If the missing person is a runaway, all of the following reasons shall be included in the closing supplemental report:

- There are no suspicious circumstances involving the missing person;
- The missing person has turned eighteen years old or is emancipated; and
- The missing person is considered voluntarily missing.

If the station/unit detective closes the cases, he or she shall update and cancel all computer entries (i.e., LARCIS, etc.). Station/unit detectives shall attempt to contact the informant of the missing person report and advise them of their intentions. The results of this shall be noted in the closing supplemental report.