

6-9 CHILD ABUSE HOMICIDES



HOMICIDE BUREAU DETECTIVE DIVISION BUREAU ORDERS

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Paragraph 4-11/015.00 of the Case Assignment Section of the manual states that Special Victims Bureau (SVB) will be notified and will assist Homicide in child deaths where the victim is under 10 years of age and child abuse or neglect is suspected.

- Patrol will still be responsible for notifying Homicide and SVB as per the manual.
 - The SVB notification shall be accomplished during duty hours by calling (562) 946-8531, or through Sheriff's Information Bureau after duty hours. The patrol deputy will note the SVB notification in the first report.
 - A SVB Sergeant and investigator are available to respond to assist Homicide investigators, or for consultation on a 24-hour basis. SVB investigators can assist with the physical/sexual abuse portion of the investigation and assist in interviewing children. The SVB investigators will only respond if requested by the assigned Homicide investigator.
 - If no immediate SVB response is necessary, the assigned Homicide investigator will follow-up on the next business day to ascertain if SVB has been notified and who the assigned SVB investigator will be. This shall be noted in the Homicide supplemental report.
 - On all notifications, SVB investigators will query the three computer systems that track priors or prior reports of crimes against children on a county and state level. A supplemental report detailing the results of this inquiry will be submitted to the assigned Homicide investigator.
 - SVB investigators will also complete the Child Abuse Investigation Report, SS8583, as required by Penal Code Section 11169, and forward the report to the Department of Justice. A copy of this report will be sent to Homicide for inclusion into the case file.
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