

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 10**

**March 22, 2023**

**SUBJECT: FIELD INTERVIEWS – REVISED**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Order is to revise the Department Manual to include documentation of a non-criminal detention, such as 5150 or 300 Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). Completion of Field Interview Reports (FI Cards) related to individuals suffering from mental illness will assist the Mental Evaluation Unit in referencing reoccurring contacts and aid in follow up investigations.

**PROCEDURE:** Department Manual Section 4/202.01, *Field Interviews*, has been revised. Attached is the revised Manual section with the revisions indicated in italics.

**AMENDMENT:** This Order amends Section 4/202.01 of the Department Manual.

**AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY:** The Commanding Officer, Audit Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



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Chief of Police

Attachment

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**DEPARTMENT MANUAL  
VOLUME IV  
Revised by Special Order No. 10, 2023**

**202.01 FIELD INTERVIEWS.** When an officer questions a person in the field, *they* may record the details of that interview on a Field Interview Report (FI Card), Form 15.43.00, only in any of the following circumstances:

- When officers have reasonable suspicion that the subject is involved with, or possesses knowledge of, criminal activity;
- To document criminal activity, including ongoing or unsolved criminal activity that may be used in a later investigation;
- To memorialize a consensual encounter relating to either of the above two bullets;
- To document contact with a probationer or parolee;
- To document contact with an arrestee; *and/or*,
- *To document contact for a non-criminal detention such as 5150 WIC or 300 WIC.*

**Note:** Criminal activity may include, but is not limited to, suspected violations of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, as well as the California Vehicle Code and Penal Code.

-----**THE REST OF THIS SECTION REMAINS THE SAME**-----