TO: All Sworn Personnel

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: PROPER INCIDENT DISPOSITION CODE FOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING
PERSONS SUSPECTED OF MENTAL ILLNESS

During a recent audit of Operations Order No. 8, *Incident Disposition Codes For Incidents Involving Persons Suspected of Mental Illness-Revised*, dated May 16, 2007, it was noted that Department personnel were not using the appropriate disposition codes when completing an investigation involving a person with mental illness. Personnel are reminded of the following four mental illness-related incident disposition codes:

- ARM – Arrest, Indication of Mental Illness. Subject arrested for a crime, and exhibits indication of mental illness;
- HOM – Hospitalized/Hold, Indication of Mental Illness. Subject met California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 (5150 WIC) hold criteria and was hospitalized;
- REM – Referral, Indication of Mental Illness. Subject exhibits signs of mental illness, but does not meet requirement for a hold or arrest; subject was released with referral; and,
- NMI – No Indication of Mental Illness. Subject <u>does not exhibit</u> any indication of mental illness.

Officers shall not use "OCC – Officer Completed Call," or other standard disposition codes (e.g., ARR, RPT, ADV, QNR, etc.) to clear any calls originally dispatched as involving mental illness. However, officers should document the specific action taken (e.g., arrest, report, questioned and released, etc.) via the radio or in the incident "comments" section via the Mobile Digital Computer, and on their Daily Field Activity Reports.

Exception: The disposition code "**GOA – Gone on Arrival**" shall be used when the parties (person reporting or subject) cannot be located for officers to make a determination if mental illness is involved.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to the Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 486-6050.

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