

CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: PROPER CODING OF GANG-RELATED CRIMES

This Notice reminds all personnel of the importance to accurately assess crime to determine its connection to gang involvement. Proper classification assists in our ability to analyze and understand crime, as well as to understand the context of crime. To ensure continued accuracy in capturing gang-related crime and arrests, it is critical that Department personnel are familiar with the definitions pertaining to gang-related crimes and properly coding gang-related reports with Modus Operandi (MO) Code "0906."

BACKGROUND:

Department Manual Section 4/269.10 states, "Any crime may constitute a gang-related crime when the suspect or victim is an active or affiliate gang member, or when circumstances indicate that the crime is consistent with gang activity." Determining if a crime is gang-related is subjective in nature and is a result of the totality of the circumstances. Classification cannot be accomplished accurately without a high degree of gang expertise. This is especially true with the termination of our Department's use of the CalGang System.

PROCEDURE:

A crime is determined to be gang-related when it meets one or more of the specific criteria contained in the above manual section.

Crimes consistent with gang activity may include, but are not limited to, incidents when:

- The suspect or victim has a gang tattoo(s);
- The suspect or victim has a gang moniker;
- A statement indicating gang involvement was made;
- The suspect or victim demonstrated gang behavior; or,
- Multiple suspects and gang MO were involved.

The Area Gang Impact Team (GIT) Officer-in-Charge must approve the gang-related crime classification and ensure that all gang-related statistical crimes are MO coded "0906" in the Consolidated Crime Analysis Database (CCAD). In the rare circumstance, when the classification cannot be determined at the Area level, the Bureau Gang Coordinator must make

the determination. When the Bureau Gang Coordinator cannot determine the classification, the Commanding Officer, Gang and Narcotics Division, will make the final determination.

Note: The CalGang System can no longer be used as a criterion to establish a crime as being gang-related.

When the following violent crimes are determined to be gang-related, they will be monitored statistically by the Department to assess the level of gang crime in an Area. The gang-related statistical crimes must be coded with MO Code "0906" to ensure they are reported and accounted for.

The statistically monitored gang-related crimes are:


- Murder;
- Attempted Murder;
- Felony Assault;
- Assault on a Police Officer (includes Battery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Attempted Murder on a Police Officer);
- Robbery;
- Shots Fired into an Inhabited Dwelling;
- Kidnap;
- Rape;
- Arson;
- Witness Intimidation (including Criminal Threats);
- Extortion;
- Carjacking; and,
- Violation of Gang Injunctions.

As an example, if an active gang member commits a kidnap against his wife, based on Department's criteria, the crime would include MO Code "0906," even though the primary motive may be domestic violence. Conversely, if a former gang member who has been inactive for several years commits a street robbery to support his drug addiction, the crime would not include MO Code "0906" unless other specific gang-related criteria are indicated.

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