

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 2

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SUBJECT: CONDUCTING PLAINCLOTHES INVESTIGATIONS OUTSIDE
ASSIGNED AREAS

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY



A recent officer involved shooting (OIS) incident involving plainclothes officers conducting an investigation outside their Area of assignment has demonstrated the need to remind all officers of procedures to be followed while conducting plainclothes investigations and investigations outside their Area of assignment.

Officer safety, sound tactics and appropriate preparation should remain of paramount importance and should never be compromised in conducting plainclothes investigations. Department Manual Sections 4/216.52 and 3/627.30 mandate that officers involved in serving a felony arrest warrant on a suspect (not in custody) must wear body armor and a raid jacket for identification purposes during the service of search or arrest warrants. Raid jackets protect officers from mistaken identity by other police personnel and counter a suspect's defense that he/she did not know that the involved personnel were police officers.

Officers conducting plainclothes investigations outside their Area of assignment are reminded to:

- * Make the proper notifications (e.g., their Watch Commander and the Watch Commander of the involved Area);
- * Have a supervisor present to oversee the operation;
- * Wear body armor;
- * Wear a raid jacket when identification is necessary (i.e., serving a warrant);
- * Have a uniformed officer present as back-up and for identification purposes whenever possible; and
- * Always be properly equipped for the operation (i.e., communication equipment, binoculars, flashlight, etc.)

If there are any questions, please contact the Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 473-8826.


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