283.01 SUMMARY

This directive describes the procedures for setting up a decoy operation.

283.02 GENERAL PROCEDURES

DECOY OPERATIONS BASED ON NEEDS – The decision to initiate a decoy operation will be based on an analysis of crimes, victims, locations, frequency of activity, probable offenders, methods of operation and any other pertinent information.

PRIOR APPROVAL – All decoy operations shall be approved by a Section Commander and the affected Division Deputy Chief. Decoy operations shall be directed and closely monitored by a Supervisor assigned as the "Supervisor in Charge" of the operation. It shall be that Supervisor's responsibility to ensure that:

- Decoy Officers are selected and equipped with the intent that they resemble the victims as much as possible.
- No Decoy Officer shall be placed without an adequate number of backup Officers nearby in visual and/or verbal contact.
- Action or “bust” signals and emergency signals will be made known to, and acknowledged by, all personnel prior to the beginning of the operation.
- All decoy operation plans are reviewed with appropriate legal authorities (usually prosecutors) prior to beginning operation.
- All personnel involved in the operation are thoroughly briefed and are aware of their assigned specific duties and responsibilities prior to the commencement of the actual operation.
- Any special equipment needed is available and in good working order and is operated by qualified personnel. Such equipment may include concealable remote transmitters and photographic equipment to be used as needed.
SUPERVISOR NOTIFIED – The Supervisor(s) in charge of any on-duty Patrol Team(s) and the Telecommunicator on duty shall be notified in advance when any decoy operation is initiated. Should assistance be required, they will be given specific instructions for their involved personnel.

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