



PROBATION AND PAROLE BUREAU STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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I. BUREAU DIRECTIVE:

The Probation & Parole Bureau will follow establish procedures regarding the use of offenders in providing information to law enforcement.

II. DEFINITION:

Informant – An offender who willingly provides information to law enforcement officials on a limited basis.

Operative – An offender who cooperates with law enforcement to the extent that they are actively engaged in activities that 1) would ordinarily be considered a violation of the law; or 2) would place the offender's sobriety and/or physical safety at risk.

III. PROCEDURES:

- A. Offenders will not function as an operative. Probation & Parole Officers (Officers) will not recruit offenders to work with law enforcement.
- B. Offenders may function as an informant by communicating with, and providing information to, law enforcement officials as a cooperating individual or a concerned citizen. As a standard condition of supervision, the offender is required to report any contact with law enforcement to his/her supervising Officer or designee within 72 hours. Offenders must be cooperative and truthful in all communications and dealings with any Officer and with any law enforcement agency.
- C. Officers will cooperate with law enforcement by communicating any intelligence received from offenders or other sources.

IV. CLOSING:

Questions concerning this procedure shall be directed to the Regional Administrator or Probation & Parole Bureau Chief.