



Type of Directive (Bureau Order, Division Memorandum, etc.)	Originating Bureau Division/District	
DIVISION ORDER	ISB/YID	
Subject:	Series	Number
RESPONDING TO ALLEGATIONS OF PHYSICAL SEXUAL ABUSE	10	003
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Remains in Effect Until Rescinded		

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY in all cases members receiving allegations of child abuse via 671-SAFE or the YD-Child inbox (or any other manner) shall ensure that the report is reviewed by the Watch Commander prior to turning the report over to the District or another Agency to handle. This responsibility shall not be delegated by the Watch Commander. In addition, the following directives shall apply:

If there is an allegation that the respondent has been physically assaulted with the use of a belt, extension cord, stick, kicked, punched, cut, or received any type of injury that could cause a bone to be broken or fractured, extensive bruising, cuts or scratches that require medical attention, a detective shall be assigned the case for investigation.

If an address is provided stating that the respondent ~~once resided~~ in the District of Columbia, the investigating member shall respond to that address and ensure that the family no longer resides at this address. If the family has relocated, an attempt shall be made to obtain a forwarding address.

A Wales/NCIC check shall be done on the parent/guardian to check any other addresses of record and a follow up done at those locations also. An interview shall be conducted with neighbors, school officials, hospital personnel, etc. to ensure that the offending parent/guardian is not providing fictitious information. Attempt shall be made to ensure the respondent has been attending school or was legally withdrawn. This information shall be documented in the PD123.

Under ~~no circumstances~~ shall an investigating member wait for Social Worker to complete their initial investigation or wait for a FACIS report to be entered into the system prior to initiating their investigation or responding to the address provided. Whenever a Priority One call is received (call from a patrol unit or patrol official) a investigator or official shall immediately respond to the scene. The Watch Commander shall review such cases and make the immediate response determination.

Priority Two calls may be turned over to the next shift for action. These are physical and sexual abuse cases that occurred within the past 72 hours, where there is not a crime scene, the perpetrator does not have access to the victim, and the victim is not in immediate danger.

Priority Three cases may be turned over to the next shift or shifts for action. These cases include physical abuse cases that occurred more than 72 hours ago, where the perpetrator does not have access to the victim, there is no crime scene; there is no immediate danger to the victim. In cases of sexual abuse, the abuse occurred more than 72 hours ago, there is no crime scene, there is no immediate danger to the victim, and the perpetrator does not have access to the victim.