



# GENERAL ORDER



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SUBJECT:	201	24	October 18, 1972
Investigators	DISTRIBUTION		
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The purpose of this order is to establish the duties and responsibilities of investigators. This order consists of the following part:

## PART I Responsibilities and Procedures for Members of the Department

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#### A. General.

1. There shall be assigned to the various divisions such number of investigator positions as the Chief of Police may direct from time to time.

2. Members shall be assigned as investigators on the recommendation of commanding officers and approval by the Chief of Police, and may, without a formal hearing, be relieved of such assignment upon recommendation of a commanding officer and approval by the Chief of Police.

3. As far as applicable, the rules for patrolmen shall also apply to members of the force assigned as investigators. They shall be responsible for taking prompt and effective action with respect to any violation of the laws or regulations coming to their attention.

4. Officers assigned as investigators shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the criminal laws, the elements that constitute a crime, rules of court procedure, rules of evidence, rights of citizens, the proper manner of conducting investigations, and the importance of making proper notes and carefully detailed reports on matters handled by them.

5. They shall make a thorough study and investigation of all crimes assigned to them and shall learn criminals or potential criminals in their area. Where arrests are made by members of the uniformed force for crimes, they shall, whenever practicable, interview the prisoner, learn his method of operation, and discuss the crime with the

arresting officer with a view towards connecting the suspect with other crimes.

6. They shall be required to carry the prescribed equipment except as otherwise directed by competent authority.

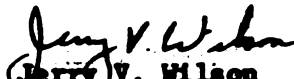
7. They shall report for roll call at a time and place designated by their commanding officer.

8. They shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by their commanding officer and shall keep their supervisors advised of all developments in cases to which assigned.

9. They may make authorized expenditures in cases investigated by them, obtaining receipts when practicable, and, in all cases, shall keep accurate memoranda of expenses incurred.

10. They shall not leave the District of Columbia to conduct any investigation or to perform any act within the purview of their duties without appropriate authority.

11. They shall not enter into official correspondence over their own signature concerning any matter within the purview of their duties.

  
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