



**SPECIAL ORDER**



Subject:

**Violators of D.C. Code 22-3502 (Sodomy) and D.C. Code 22-1112 (Lewd, Indecent or Obscene Acts)**

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The purpose of this special order is to apprise members of the policy and procedures when handling violators of D.C. Code 22-3502 (Sodomy) and D.C. Code 22-1112 (Lewd, Indecent or Obscene Acts).

In an effort to maintain appropriate enforcement of violations of D.C. Code 22-3502 (Sodomy) and D.C. Code 22-1112 (Lewd, Indecent or Obscene Acts), members coming in contact with individuals who may be involved in consensual activity of such nature shall adhere to the following procedures:

The charge of Sodomy may be placed only when these circumstances exists:

1. In all instances when force is used or consent of either party is absent.
2. In all cases involving juveniles.
3. When the offense is committed on public space or public property and in plain view.

All violations of Section 22-3502 (Sodomy) under circumstances not listed above shall be prosecuted under D.C. Code Section 22-1112 (Lewd, Indecent, or obscene Acts). When circumstances dictate charges pursuant of Section 22-3502, an official of the member's unit shall respond to the scene for final approval.

Members receiving complaints of offenses in progress in ABC or other licensed commercial establishments shall immediately investigate and coordinate with the Narcotics and Special Investigations Division (NSID). Members receiving telephone complaints of ongoing violations within ABC or other licensed commercial establishments shall refer these matters to the Prostitution, Gambling and Liquor Unit, NSID, for any investigative or enforcement action. Under no circumstances shall any member apply for or execute a warrant in any such establishment without the express approval of the Commander, Special Investigations Branch, NSID.

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\*This special order shall remain in effect until such time as its contents are incorporated into the appropriate general order.

  
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