



COTTAGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

SUBJECT: REPEAT OFFENDER PROGRAM ENFORCEMENT (R.O.P.E)

NEW REVISED RESCINDS

APPROVED: *GM*

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I. POLICY

The Department will participate in, and contribute information to, Prince George's County Repeat Offender Program, the goal of which is to reduce incidents of specific criminal offenses occurring in Prince George's County by identifying and targeting the career criminal for prosecution.

II. REPEAT OFFENDER PROGRAM

The Repeat Offender Project is a branch of the Criminal Investigations Division whose investigators are responsible for identifying, locating, and apprehending individuals designated as career criminals who are active in Prince George's County. They also gather intelligence data and other information and develop targets for arrest and prosecution.

III. CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING "REPEAT OFFENDERS"

Adults and juveniles (16 and 17 years of age) with two or more arrests for crimes of violence, drug offenses, sexual offenses, breaking and entering, and theft over \$300, including shoplifting, are designated as career criminals.

IV. REPEAT OFFENDER/CAREER CRIMINAL "TARGETS"

Career criminal targets are developed by employing the following strategies:

- A. Investigative Targets -individuals who are not currently wanted, but for which a strong possibility exists that they are involved in criminal activity. These targets are developed primarily through criminal histories, referrals from officers, lists of high volume sellers to pawn shops, tips from "Crime Solvers," and informant information.
- B. Warrant Targets -individuals who are currently wanted for offenses meeting R.O.P.E. criteria.
- C. Case Enhancement Targets - R.O.P.E. investigators conduct criminal history checks on persons held for bond review or arrested and released on recognizance in order to quickly identify the repeat offender. This information is given to the State's Attorney's Office to enhance prosecution and seek maximum sentencing.

V. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE INVOLVEMENT IN CASE PREPARATION

The State's Attorney's Office will be consulted by officers to assist with case preparation when a repeat offender is involved. (See G.O. S-52.1, Notification of State's Attorney's Office).

VI. REFERRALS TO R.O.S.

Officers may refer a subject to R.O.P.E. if the subject meets the guidelines stated in section IV. R.O.P.E. will perform a complete background check on the subject. The referring officer will be advised of the status of the referral by the R.O.P.E. investigator.