

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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FIELD INFORMATION

POLICY

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) proactively gathers information that may assist with police objectives by encouraging officers to engage persons observed in suspicious circumstances.

PROCEDURE

While on duty, field and investigative officers should collect information on any person observed in suspicious circumstances with attention to anything that may serve a police purpose.

I. CIRCUMSTANCES

Officers may, without probable cause or reasonable suspicion, temporarily stop individuals to conduct field interviews. These interviews are neither arrests nor detentions because a person's participation is voluntary.

1. A person is not obligated to provide his or her name, address, identification, or reason for being in an area.
2. A consensual interview may become a situation that requires the exercise of police authority. Statements made or other attending circumstances may give rise to reasonable suspicion about the person and a crime. The contact may then become an investigative detention.


II. DIGITAL NOTEBOOK ENTRY

- A. Officers shall enter information on persons contacted under suspicious circumstances into the Digital Notebook system during their tour of duty.

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- B. Unless the Internet is unavailable, a computer check shall be made to determine if the subject is wanted locally or by a National Crime Information Center warrant.
- C. The Information Technology Division shall be responsible for the system design and maintenance and developing and updating the user guide. The user guide shall be made available to authorized personnel via the HPD intranet.
- D. The computerized data shall be available to authorized personnel.


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