



SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS



533.07

KIDNAPPING, KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM AND EXTORTION

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to reduce the potential for injury or death to any person(s) involved and to assist in the apprehension of the responsible culprit(s) in cases of kidnapping, kidnapping for ransom, and extortion.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Sacramento Police Department to make a coordinated effort in the investigation of kidnapping, as defined in California Penal Code (PC) 209, or extortion, as defined in PC 518, that occurs in the City of Sacramento.

PROCEDURE

A. GENERAL

1. The watch commander shall be notified of all incidents involving kidnapping, kidnapping for ransom, and extortion.
2. The Communications Division shall not dispatch a marked patrol unit without having received authorization from the supervisor in charge of the operation.
3. The responsible supervisor, watch commander, or OOI lieutenant, based upon the time that the event occurs, shall
 - a. Determine the steps to be taken to protect the hostages and ascertain the number of any intended victims and their locations.
 - b. Determine the methods to be used to alleviate the situation [REDACTED]
 - c. Contact [REDACTED] or various other Department staff needed to
 - (1) [REDACTED]
 - (2) Secure the surrounding area.
 - (3) Affect the release of any hostages.
 - (4) Make any arrests.
 - (5) Provide any other necessary assistance.
 - d. As the investigation develops, other investigators or officers may be assigned at the direction of the appropriate supervisor(s) to assist the responsible supervisor.
 - e. From a prosecution standpoint, when a demand for money has been made, it is necessary that an actual money loss occur (\$1.00 or more). [REDACTED] otherwise, the crime will be prosecuted as an attempted act instead of a completed act.

B. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. In kidnapping situations in which the hostage(s) location has been verified, the watch commander shall be responsible for securing the surrounding area and affecting the release of the hostage(s) as outlined in General Order 532.08.
2. In kidnapping and kidnapping for ransom crimes in which no verified hostage location has been determined, the OOI Homicide Unit shall be designated as the primary investigative team.
3. In extortion cases in which kidnapping is not involved, the Neighborhood Crimes Unit shall be designated as the primary investigative team.