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600.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

When assigned to a case for initial or follow-up investigation, detectives shall proceed with due diligence in evaluating and preparing the case for appropriate clearance or presentation to a prosecutor for filing of criminal charges.

One or more detectives shall be available 24 hours a day for criminal investigations and the processing of crime scenes. The Oregon State Police crime lab is an additional resource for processing of serious and involved crime scenes.

600.2 MODIFICATION OF CHARGES FILED

Employees are not authorized to recommend to the District Attorney, General Counsel, or to any other official of the court that charges on a pending case be altered or the case dismissed. In all cases resulting in court prosecution, any request to modify the charges filed or to recommend dismissal of charges in a pending case shall be made to the District Attorney's Office or General Counsel's Office only as authorized by Police Operations Captain or the Chief of Police.

600.3 POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF VICTIMS

Victims and any complaining witness in a case involving the use of force, violence, duress, menace or threat of physical injury in the commission of any sex crime under ORS 163.305 to 163.575, may not be required, by a district attorney or other law enforcement officer or investigator involved in the investigation or prosecution of crimes, or any employee thereof, to submit to a polygraph examination as a prerequisite to filing an accusatory pleading (ORS 163.705).

600.4 COLLECTION OR MAINTENANCE OF SPECIFIC INFORMATION

The collection or maintenance of information about the political, religious or social views, associations or activities of any individual, group, association, organization, corporation, business or partnership shall occur only when the information directly relates to a criminal investigation and there are reasonable grounds to suspect the subject of the information is or may be involved in criminal conduct (ORS 181.575).

600.5 CUSTODIAL INTERVIEWS

Generally, except where circumstances make it impracticable, custodial interviews regarding felony offenses should be electronically recorded. When such custodial interviews are conducted in a law enforcement facility and in connection with an investigation into aggravated murder, as defined in ORS 163.095, or a crime listed in ORS 137.700 or 137.707, electronic recording of the interview is mandatory absent good cause not to record (ORS 133.400).

If an interviewee expresses an unwillingness to have the custodial interview electronically recorded but agrees to speak to investigators without such recording, the interviewing officer or detective should:

- (a) Document the refusal in his/her report.

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- (b) Request that the interviewee sign a written statement or provide a recorded statement of his/her refusal to have the interview recorded.

All electronic recordings of custodial interviews shall follow the requirements set forth in ORS 165.540.

No recording of an interrogation should be destroyed or altered without written authorization from the District Attorney and the Investigations Sergeant. Copies of recorded interrogations or interviews may be made in the same or different format, provided they are true, accurate and complete copies and are made only for authorized and legitimate law enforcement purposes.

Officers should continue to prepare written summaries of custodial questioning and investigative interviews and continue to obtain written statements from suspects when applicable.

600.6 CONFIDENTIAL OR SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIONS

In the event a University Employee or Official as defined in Policy 806.5.1, are the subject of an investigation, the Chief may request another agency conduct the investigation to address issues of impropriety or conflict of interest.