

EXECUTIVE ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Subject:	Cobalt: Fugitive from Justice Arrests Resulting from Fresh Pursuit
Number	16-010
Effective Date	September 30, 2016
Related To:	GO-OPS-301.03 (Vehicular Pursuits) GO-PCA-501.06 (Fugitives from Justice) GO-PCA-702.01 (Arrests and Bench Warrants)

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this executive order is to inform members of the correct procedures when processing a “Fugitive from Justice” arrest resulting from an outside agency’s fresh pursuit into the District of Columbia.

II. BACKGROUND

Typically, when completing an arrest report for a “Fugitive from Justice” arrest, members are required to enter a warrant number and a warrant description on the Arrest Card (Attachment A). While this is standard operating procedure for the vast majority of “Fugitive from Justice” arrests, members may encounter situations in which they apprehend a felony suspect who has entered the District of Columbia while fleeing from law enforcement agents of an outside jurisdiction (e.g., Prince George’s County). These scenarios are commonly referred to as “Fresh Pursuits”.

Considering these pursuits are often initiated during the commission of a crime or immediately thereafter, the responding law enforcement agency will not have had the opportunity to apply for an arrest warrant. As a result, there will be no warrant number assigned to the fugitive. Furthermore, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) members will rarely have the authority to charge the apprehended individual for a crime committed in an outside jurisdiction. The lack of a warrant number and jurisdiction are the primary factors that differentiate these arrest scenarios from the more common “Fugitive from Justice” arrests.

III. REGULATIONS

- A. Members shall be aware that the provisions outlined in this executive order do not supersede the regulations and procedures outlined in GO-OPS-301.03 (Vehicular Pursuits), and GO-PCA-501.06 (Fugitives from Justice), and GO-PCA-702.01 (Arrest and Bench Warrants).
- B. Members shall ensure all “Fugitive from Justice” arrests are conducted in accordance with GO-OPS-301.03 and GO-PCA-501.06.

IV. PROCEDURES

Members apprehending a felony suspect fleeing into the District of Columbia to evade law enforcement officers from an outside jurisdiction shall process the arrest in the same manner as any other “Fugitive from Justice” arrest, **except:**

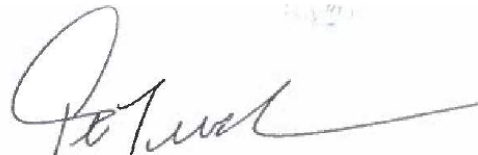
- A. On the Arrest Card, in the “Warrant Number” field, members shall enter the outside agency’s case number associated with the pursuit or event (Attachment B).

NOTE: In fresh pursuit situations, the outside law enforcement agency will not have had enough time to apply and receive an arrest warrant. As a result, warrant numbers are not available. On the other hand, case numbers are often simultaneously generated when dispatching a radio run and will be available for reference purposes.

- B. On the Arrest Card, in the “Warrant Description” field, members shall enter the name of the outside agency and the classification of the crime associated with the pursuit (Attachment C).

V. POINT OF CONTACT

Members may direct questions to the Policy and Standards Branch at mpd.policy@dc.gov.



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Attachment A: Common Format for Fugitive from Justice Arrests

CHARGES (↑) & WARRANTS (↑)

Fugitive From Justice (Requires Warrant)

(23DC701)

CCN 18556693

Aug 4, 2016 07:27



Warrant Number

2016CMD123456

Warrant Description

Arson



External Jurisdiction

[+ PRIOR OFFENSE](#)

Arrest Type

Custodial

NOI Number(s)

Attachment B: Entering the Outside Agency's' Case Number – Fugitive from Justice

CHARGES (1) & WARRANTS (1)

📄 Fugitive From Justice (Requires Warrant)

(23DC701)

CCN 18556693

Aug 4, 2016 07:27

Warrant Number

B16123456

Warrant Description

 External Jurisdiction

+ PRIOR OFFENSE

Arrest Type

Custodial

NOI Number(s)

Attachment C: Entering the Outside Agency's' Name and Charges – Fugitive from Justice

CHARGES (↑) & WARRANTS (↑)

Fugitive From Justice (Requires Warrant)

(23DC701)

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Warrant Number

B16123456

Warrant Description

Montgomery County PD Robbery Case



External Jurisdiction

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Arrest Type

Custodial

NOI Number(s)