

# SPECIAL ORDER



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**Fingerprinting Prisoners**

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## **I. Background**

The positive identification of offenders is an essential component of the criminal justice system. Fingerprinting of persons arrested for minor charges can lead to the clearance of warrants and unresolved cases. Positive identification will also provide information that can assist Department and District decision-makers.

## **II. Procedural Guidelines**

All persons charged with any of the enumerated offenses shall be fingerprinted prior to their release.

### **1. Criminal Offenses**

- a. All felonies
- b. All misdemeanors prosecuted by the United States Attorney
- c. The following misdemeanors prosecuted by the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC):
  - (1) Violation of the firearms regulations
  - (2) Sex offenses, to include those encompassed by the disorderly conduct statutes
  - (3) Jostling or peeping tom
  - (4) All other forms of disorderly conduct
  - (5) Indecent Exposure

- (6) Indecent Proposal
  - (7) Welfare Fraud
  - (8) Craps, Dice and Games of Chance
2. Persons shall be fingerprinted upon arrest for the following traffic offenses:
- a. Manslaughter or negligent homicide
  - b. Insufficient identification
  - c. Driving Under the Influence of liquor or drugs (DUI)
  - d. Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)
  - e. DUI Refusal to Submit
  - f. Reckless Driving
  - g. Operating After Suspension
  - h. Operating After Revocation
  - i. No Permit
  - j. Driving with Altered Tags
  - k. Failure to Obey

This Special Order shall remain in effect until incorporated into the appropriate General Order.

//SIGNED//  
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