

Personal Interview of Prisoners

408.1 PURPOSE

To establish procedures to be followed when interviewing prisoners.

408.2 PROCEDURE

The following procedure will be followed when a prisoner is being held, without a warrant, in the county jail on criminal charges which are processed by the CID.

In cases that require additional investigation or follow up, the detective assigned to the case shall make every effort to personally interview the subject(s) in custody before presenting the case to the Prosecutor's Office.

This procedure will assist the investigator in establishing the necessary elements of the offense and could provide additional information not supplied in the initial report, i.e., Res Gestae witnesses, suspect/victim relationships, etc.

Detectives must determine whether the subject evoked his Miranda Rights to initial officers.

Review the arrest reports prior to attempting contact with the suspect to avoid any possible 5th Amendment violations.

Also, the investigator should bear in mind when making this contact, the potential of developing a new informant or information that could result in clearance of other unsolved crimes.