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Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Investigation Reminders

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There are several important steps in DUI investigations. Traffic Officers, MCIU Detectives, and the DUI Field Guide are excellent resources whenever questions arise. Below are some key reminders when conducting a DUI investigation:

1. If you suspect somebody is DUI, begin the investigation immediately. Time delays (dissipation of alcohol/drugs) can cause significant problems during the prosecution stage. This is especially true for DUIs associated with GBI/fatal collisions.
2. If the driver is uncooperative, initiate the warrant process and begin the on-call phlebotomist (and CSI, if needed) immediately to minimize significant time delays.
3. Do not conduct a preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) test to “rule out” DUI. Complete the entire battery of standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs) prior to administering a PAS.
4. Do not forget to complete the new Cost Recovery (SPD 587) and Watson Admonishment (SPD 807) forms.
5. Fully document all facts and circumstances that led to the detainment and probable cause for the arrest, including objective signs of intoxication, presence of alcohol/prescription/paraphernalia bottles and containers, performance on SFSTs, driving behaviors/details surrounding the collision (if one was involved), passenger statements, etc.
6. At the hospital, SFSTs can be conducted (e.g., nystagmus), and the body-worn camera should be recording if the investigation is still underway.
7. If a DUI is associated with a traffic collision (901), use the same case # for both. The DUI can be written on MRE. The 901 must be completed in Crossroads.
8. If a subject shows objective signs and symptoms of potential drug impairment, consider asking for an on-duty DRE-trained officer to conduct an evaluation. CHP can be a secondary option if an SPD officer is unavailable.
9. Do not use “implied consent” as justification for a blood draw (in a hospital setting, for example). Write a warrant.
10. It has become common practice for officers in the field to author blood draw warrants during DUI investigations. After the warrant is served, the author is responsible for filling out and uploading the warrant return within **10 days** of service. Email reminders to complete warrant returns are no longer



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sent through the portal. Officers are required by law to complete the return within 10 days and upload it themselves to the portal. They also need to send a copy of the return (with the report # in the upper right-hand corner) and a copy of the original warrant (with the warrant number after it has been issued) to Records to be scanned and added to the report.

To assist with DUI investigations, please see the following link to the DUI Reference Guide located in AMS:

[DUI Field Guide 2023](#)

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