



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDERS

SOP 1-88

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1-88 SEX CRIMES UNIT

Related SOP(s): None

1-88-1 Purpose

The purpose of the Sex Crimes Unit is to provide the Department with a standardized and professional investigation of all criminal sexual penetration (CSP) cases, including attempted CSP of a victim that is 13 years of age or older.

1-88-2 Policy

The policy of the Sex Crimes Unit is to work with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office, SANE, Rape Crisis, and the District Attorney's Office as part of the Albuquerque Sexual Assault Evidence Response Team (ASERT) to complete investigations of criminal sexual penetration cases.

1-88-3 Definitions

A. CODIS

Combined DNA Index System

B. CSP

Criminal Sexual Penetration

C. SACRC

Sexual Assault Case Review Council

D. SAEK

Sexual Assault Exam Kit

1-88-4 Rules and Responsibilities

A. Sex Crimes Investigations

1. All cases of CSP per State Statute 30-9-11.
2. Attempted CSP where the victim is 13 years of age or older.



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3. All cases will be assigned by the Sex Crimes Sergeant or designee.

B. Sex Crimes Call-out Criteria/Procedures

1. Field officers will conduct an initial investigation and notify their supervisor to determine if a detective is needed.
2. The supervisor will then contact the Sex Crimes Sergeant or designee and advise him/her of the incident.
3. The Sex Crimes Sergeant or designee will then determine if the call meets the call out criteria based on:
 - a. The complexity of the case
 - b. If a warrant is required
 - c. If an offender is in custody

7 4. The Sex Crimes Sergeant or designee will then activate the on-call detective

- a. The secondary on-call detective may also be activated if necessary.

7 5. The activated detective will have one hour to respond to the needed location.

6 6. The detective will complete the following as needed:

- a. Trauma-Informed Interview with the victim
- b. Identify potential witnesses
- c. Surveillance/Recording videos
- d. Search and/or arrest warrants
- e. Interrogations of the suspect(s)
- f. Arrests
- g. Complete felony supplemental cases to submit to the District Attorney's Office

7. The Sex Crimes Unit is on call at all times. The Sex Crimes Sergeant will organize the on-call schedule.

C. Sex Crimes Unit Assist – Homicide/Violent Crimes/Call-Out

1. Sex Crimes will participate in the Homicide/Violent Crimes on-call schedule.



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2. Sex Crimes detectives will coordinate with the primary Homicide detective to assist with the investigation.
 - a. Conduct interviews
 - b. Warrant preparation
 - c. Other investigative needs deemed by the Violent Crimes Supervisor

D. Sex Crimes-Cold Case

1. This unit will be responsible for the investigation of sexual assaults where the SAEK was collected and untested.
2. Once the unit receives the results of the DNA testing, the unit will classify each case and determine if a case should be opened or re-opened.
3. Cases will be classified as the following:
 - a. Priority 1 – CODIS comparable with CODIS hit
 - b. Priority 2A – CODIS comparable with CODIS Upload
 - c. Priority 2B – CODIS ineligible (Positive DNA, not CODIS up-loadable)
 - d. Priority 3 – Screened Negative for DNA
- 7 4. Detectives will notify victims of the outcome and will investigate to determine if the case can be prosecuted.
5. Once a case is completed and approved by the Sex Crimes Sergeant, it will be sent to the DA's office for prosecution.