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BLIND SEQUENTIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC LINE-UP

Effective April 1, 2009 the department will require that all photographic lineups be done using the "Blind Sequential Method" and administered through the Lineup Administration Unit. "Blind" in this reference simply means that officers or detectives who show the lineup to the witness will not be involved in the case and will not know the identity of the suspect. "Sequential" refers to a methodology for administration of the lineup where photos are presented to the witness to be considered one at a time. Using this system, the witness must view each photograph individually and determine if they recognize them. The witness cannot look at them in a group and cannot compare one photo to another during the process.

The detective assigned responsibility for investigative follow-up will remain the primary contact for all victims and witnesses to a criminal case.

Prior to creating the lineup the investigating detective will contact the complainant/witness and complete the "Lineup Creation Form," this form is used to support the lineup in court and can be found on the n:drive in the Photo Lineup folder.

The sequential lineup packet will consist of a photograph of the suspect and 5 "filler" photos of persons unconnected to the incident under investigation.

Once the lineup is scheduled the investigating detective will contact the Lineup Administration Unit at **214-671-3450** (main number) or 214-681-7184 (alternate number). Communications can be contacted after hours and will notify an on call Lineup Administrator. The lineup administration unit will ensure that a trained administrator is at the location to administer the lineup.

No information on the identity of the suspect will be revealed to the lineup administrator.

The lineup administrator will conduct the lineup following the protocols for "Sequential" administration established by the Investigations Bureau Commander.

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin please contact Lieutenant David Pughes at 214-671-3930