

PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT		
CAREER CRIMINAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM		
POLICY AND PROCEDURE 3.2.7		
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INTENT: To establish guidelines for the handling of career criminal cases.

SCOPE: This policy and procedure applies to all sworn officers and other members having a task in the procedures.

REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY: Patrol Operations and Investigations Bureau Majors

POLICY: This department shall participate in the career criminal prosecution program in accordance with FSS 775.843 and provisions prescribed by the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office. A substantial and disproportionate number of serious crimes are committed by a small number of career criminals, commonly known as habitual felony or habitual violent felony offenders. Priority will be given to the investigation, apprehension and prosecution of these career criminals.

1. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT:

- a. This department shall employ enhanced law enforcement management efforts in the investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of career criminals. These efforts and resources include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Crime analysis, consisting of the timely collection and study of local crime data.
 - ii. Participation in multijurisdictional investigative and mutual-aid units
- b. The coordination of the program shall be the responsibility of the Investigations Bureau Major.
- c. The arresting officer or assigned investigator shall identify career criminals and initiate their prosecution through liaison with the state attorney's office.

2. PROCEDURE:

- a. Whenever a felony arrest is effected, the arresting officer shall check the arrestee's criminal history to determine if the arrested person meets the career criminal criteria as listed in FSS 775.84.
- b. If the arrested person meets the criteria for a career criminal, the officer's responsibilities are only to:
 - i. Complete a filing packet, noting the career criminal status to alert the State Attorney's Office for review.
- c. Coordinate and monitor the case as it proceeds through to prosecution and adjudication, ensuring that the department meets all requirements and that proper procedure is followed by others involved in the process.
- d. The crime analysis unit may assist the assigned investigator in identifying arrested persons who meet the career criminal criteria.

3. DEFINITIONS

Career Criminal – Any person who meets the criteria of a “Habitual Felony Offender”, “Habitual Violent Felony Offender”, “Three-time Violent Felony Offender” or “Violent Career Criminal” as defined in FSS 775.084.

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