

# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Standard Operating Guideline

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## Career Criminals

### I Policy

It is the policy of the Springfield Police Department to identify cases involving career criminals and to place increased emphasis on the investigation and prosecution of such cases. <sup>1</sup>

### II Definitions <sup>2</sup>

**Career Criminal** – Any person recognized by Missouri Revised Statutes (RSMo) as a prior offender, persistent offender, dangerous offender, or persistent sexual offender.

**Dangerous Offender** – One who is being sentenced for a felony during the commission of which he knowingly murdered or endangered or threatened the life of another person or knowingly inflicted or attempted or threatened to inflict serious physical injury on another person; and has been found guilty of a class A or B felony or a dangerous felony. (RSMo 558.016)

**Persistent Offender** – One who has been found guilty of two or more felonies committed at different times. (RSMo 558.016)

**Persistent Sexual Offender** – One who has previously been found guilty of committing or attempting to commit any of the following offenses: (1) Statutory rape in the first degree or statutory sodomy in the first degree; (2) Rape in the first degree or sodomy in

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1 Policy Statement revised, per Policy Change Order 16-013.

2 Definitions updated, per Policy Change Order 16-013.

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the first degree; (3) Forcible rape; (4) Forcible sodomy; (5) Rape; or (6) Sodomy. (RSMo 566.125)

**Prior Offender** – One who has been found guilty of one felony. (RSMo 558.016).

### **III Procedure**

#### **1 IDENTIFICATION**<sup>3</sup>

- 1.1 All felony cases assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division for follow-up investigation require the investigator to conduct a criminal history check on all identified suspects. This check is made through the National Criminal Information Center (NCIC). The report that is generated will list all felony convictions on the suspect.
- 1.2 The assigned investigator shall review the criminal history report to determine if the suspect is a career criminal as defined in this SOG.

#### **2 INVESTIGATION**

- 2.1 Once a suspect has been identified as a career criminal, the investigator will ensure a thorough and expedient investigation is completed.<sup>4</sup>
- 2.2 If additional resources are needed to complete the investigation, the investigator will contact his supervisor to obtain them.

#### **3 PROSECUTION**<sup>5</sup>

- 3.1 Whenever probable cause exists, the investigator will forward a completed case report to the appropriate prosecutor's office for review.
  - 3.1.1 The investigator shall indicate the suspect is a career criminal by appropriately marking box #2 on the Criminal Case Report form (SPD Form # 00-IN-0319-NICHE).
  - 3.1.2 A copy of the suspect's criminal history shall be attached.
- 3.2 Requests from the prosecutor's office for further follow-up investigation will become a priority and every reasonable effort will be made to obtain additional information and return the case to the prosecutor's office.

### **IV Attachments**

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3 Section 1 revised, syntax changes, per Policy Change Order 16-013.

4 Section 2.1 revised, syntax change, per Policy Change Order 16-013.

5 Section 3 reorganized, per Policy Change Order 16-013.