

Vice Control

609.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Investigations Division, with the assistance of the Neighborhood Police Unit, is responsible for the investigation of reports involving gambling, prostitution, and narcotics. Vice must be constantly and aggressively suppressed.

609.2 INVESTIGATION

When a beat officer learns of a vice condition, two courses of action are available:

- (a) If the vice condition involves simple misdemeanors, gambling, liquor violations, or soliciting for prostitution, and the offense is committed in the officer's presence, direct enforcement action shall be taken.
- (b) If the vice condition involves a conspiracy, such as number gambling, narcotics, organized liquor violations, or organized prostitution, the officer should try to avoid taking direct action and should immediately report the condition to the Investigations Division.
- (c) A copy of all police reports in which there is reference to a real or suspected vice or narcotic condition shall be routed to the Investigations Division by the approving supervisor.

In addition, the Investigations Division shall maintain liaison with other municipal, state, and federal agencies concerned with vice problems which might be of importance to this Department.

Pursuant to B & P Code Section 19829, all gambling investigations shall be reported to the California State Attorney General's office using DOJ form 19829. Investigations Division shall be responsible to complete the form.