

Dealing with Informants
Course Outline

A. Introduction

1. Department
2. Current Assignment
3. History

B. Policy

1. Informant
 - a. SBCSD Policy #-----
2. Classification
 - a. Citizen Informant
 - b. Paid (Mercenary Informant)
 - c. Defendant Informant
3. Establishing and Using
 - a. Initial Interview
 - b. Consult w/ District Attorney
 - c. Consult with Probation / Parole
 - d. SBCSD C.I. Authorization package.
4. Deactivation
 - a. Notify L.A. Clear (Black Ball)
 - b. Deactivation Memorandum.
 - c. Notify District of deactivation of a Defendant Informant.
5. Responsibility
 - a. Constant contact of C.I.
 - b. C.I. must abide by Department Rules / Guidelines
 - c. Handler must document all contacts
 - d. Handler must record all of the C.I.'s activity.
6. Payment
 - a. How much.
 - b. Payment must be witnessed.
 - c. Payment must be documented.
 - d. Proof of payment must be kept in C.I. file
 - e. C.I. must report Income.
7. Records
 - a. File must be maintained.
 - b. Purpose of records.
 - c. Disclosure to the District Attorney / Defense Attorney
8. Supervising Management of Controlled Buys
 - a. Safe Operation
 - b. Game plan
 - c. Liability

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C. Types

1. Citizen Informant
 - a. Neighbor
 - b. Business Owner
 - c. Witness
2. Defendant Informant
 - a. Case Pending
 - b. Probation / Parole
 - c. Immigration Status
3. Anonymous
 - a. WE TIP
 - b. Public Advertisement
4. Law Enforcement Agency
 - a. Patrol Officer
 - b. Other Agency
 - c. Wall Case
5. Mercenary (Paid)

D. Procedure

1. Citizen
 - a. C.I. Agreement
 - b. Determine motivation
2. Criminal
 - a. Contact arresting officer
 - b. Contact District Attorney
 - c. Parole / Probation
3. Professional
 - a. Other L.E. Agency Policies?
 - b. Other L.E. present?

E. Category

1. Informant
 - a. Confidential Informant (C.I.)
 - b. Confidential Reliable Informant (CRI)
 - c. Confidential Source (CS)

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F. Motives

1. Revenge
 - a. Bust
 - b. Jealousy
 - c. Repentance
2. Competition
 - a. Pay Back
 - b. Greed
 - c. Control
3. Compensation
 - a. Money
 - b. Case disposition consideration

G. Work Off Case

- a. Arrestee (Defendant Informant)
- b. How many uses as a C.I.
- c. How significant of a case

H. Good Citizen

- a. Neighbor
- b. Business owner
- c. Concerned citizen

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I. Techniques

1. Cultivating
 - a. Daily Contact
 - b. Arrest
 - c. Public Advertising
2. Interviewing
 - a. subsequent to an arrest
 - b. Mercenary Informant
 - c. Citizen
3. Manipulating
 - a. Good Guy/Bad Guy
 - b. Sympathy
 - c. Revenge
4. Rewarding
 - a. Ask What They Want in Return
 - b. Tell Them Exactly What You'll Give
5. Trust
 - a. Build trust for each other (handler for C.I./ C.I. for officer)
 - b. Informant motive
6. Building Walls
 - a. to protect a C.I.
 - b. to protect a wire tap investigation
 - c. to protect another investigation
7. Justification
 - a. can the case be worked without a C.I.
 - b. can the agency afford to compensate the C.I.
 - c. can the case be worked safely

J. Red Flags

- a. LA Clear
- b. Criminal History
- c. Fraternalizing
- d. Gut Feelings
- e. Case Agent/C.I. handler