Criminal Interdiction Unit

I. Purpose

The Criminal Interdiction unit (CIU) will assist in stemming the flow of illegal drugs and/or drug-related proceeds from being introduced into Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) owned or operated facilities, private prison facility or any other facility, which contracts with the ODOC to house inmates for the State of Oklahoma.

The CIU will work in conjunction with other units within the office of the Inspector General in confronting illegal activity within ODOC.

Jurisdiction of an investigation may extend into the community when identified criminal acts directly affect correctional operations and/or for the purpose of fugitive apprehension efforts.

II. Criminal Interdiction Team (CIT)

A. The Criminal Interdiction Team (CIT) shall conduct undercover investigations into the interdiction of contraband in ODOC facilities as well as other functions as assigned by the Inspector General (IG).

B. The CIT will consist of agents who will be directly supervised by the designated Agent in Charge (AIC), who shall act under the direction and supervision of the Regional Agent in Charge (RAC) of the CIU. CIU agents will be:

1. Fulltime commissioned agents of the ODOC CIU;
2. Fulltime commissioned peace officers of the ODOC and assigned to the office of the Inspector General (OIG); and

3. Provided with CIU uniforms that will be properly maintained to exhibit a professional appearance in accordance with OP-110245 entitled “Standards for Employee Personal Appearance.”

III. CIU Operations

A. Investigations

A request for investigation by the CIU will be submitted in writing to the IG utilizing the “Request for Investigation” (OP-040117, Attachment G) in accordance with OP-040117 entitled “Investigations.”

1. Assignment of Case Numbers

Investigations will be identified by utilizing “CI” followed by the appropriate case number.

2. Investigative reports shall include the following information in accordance with OP-040117 entitled “Investigations”:

   a. Basis for the investigation;
   
   b. Interviews and evidence; and
   
   c. A summary of any state/federal statute violations, which may have occurred.

B. Contraband and Evidence

Evidence of a crime and/or policy violation discovered during a CIU investigation will be gathered and secured in accordance with OP-040109 entitled “Control of Contraband and Physical Evidence.”

C. Search and Seizure

Searches and/or seizures performed during a CIU investigation will be conducted as needed to further an investigation. Searches and/or seizures will comply with OP-040110 entitled “Search and Seizure Standards” and as outlined in local procedure.

D. Securing Property and Evidence

CIU will process and store all property and evidence in a manner that will protect it from loss, damage or contamination, while maintaining documentation that tracks the chain of custody, location of the item and its
disposition. The property and evidence gathered by CIU will be handled in accordance with OP-040109 entitled “Control of Contraband and Physical Evidence” and as outlined in local procedure.

E. Intelligence

Intelligence gathered during a CIU investigation shall be shared, when applicable, in accordance with OP-040119 entitled “Intelligence.”

Information that is time sensitive will be reported through the agent’s chain-of-command as soon as possible.

F. Authority to Use Informants

The CIU recognizes the value of informants to law enforcement efforts and will strive to protect the integrity of the informant process. The process for the use of informants by CIU will be outlined in local procedure.

IV. Review and Disposition of CI Investigations

An investigation shall be considered complete following the final review by the agency director or designee.

A. Upon completion of the investigative report, the report shall be submitted to the IG or their designee for review and approval.

B. After review/approval, the IG will submit the report to the agency director for final review.

C. After the completion of the final review, the IG will submit the investigation to the appropriate prosecuting authority for review, as applicable.

V. References

OP-040109 entitled “Control of Contraband and Physical Evidence”

OP-040110 entitled “Search and Seizure Standards”

OP-040117 entitled “Investigation”

OP-040119 entitled “Intelligence”

OP-110245 entitled “Standards for Employee Personal Appearance”

VI. Action

The Inspector General will be responsible for compliance with this procedure and the development of local procedures.
The Inspector General will be responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exception to this procedure will require prior written approval from the agency director.

This procedure will be effective as indicated.

Replaced: OP-040118 entitled “Criminal Interdiction Unit” dated June 24, 2021

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