

Visible Display of Identification

928.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for all investigators to be readily identifiable to the public by the visible display of the bureau name and individual identifying information when performing enforcement duties, except in described limited specific circumstances (Government Code § 7288).

This policy also serves as a declaration that the Marin County District Attorney Bureau of Investigations is committed to transparency, accountability, and public trust.

928.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Enforcement duties - Active and planned operations involving the arrest or detention of an individual, or deployment for crowd control purposes.

Visibly display identification - To wear externally on the uniform in a size and location such as to be reasonably visible to a member of the public with whom the investigator interacts.

928.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Marin County District Attorney Bureau of Investigations that all investigators visibly display identification when performing enforcement duties except in circumstances set forth in this policy.

928.3 VISIBLE DISPLAY OF IDENTIFICATION

Whenever performing enforcement duties, every investigator shall visibly display identification, including the name of this bureau and either the investigator's name or badge number, or both name and badge number.

This requirement shall not apply under the following conditions:

- a. When investigators are engaged in active undercover operations or investigative activities
- b. When investigators are wearing personal protective equipment that prevents display
- c. When exigent circumstances exist involving an imminent danger to persons or property, the escape of a perpetrator, or the destruction of evidence, including if the investigator is responding to those circumstances while off-duty
- d. When there is a specific, articulable, and particularized reason to believe that identification would pose a significant danger to the physical safety of the investigator

928.4 POSTING OF POLICY

The Chief Investigator or the authorized designee shall make this policy publicly available on the bureau website.

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A written challenge regarding this policy shall be forwarded to the Chief Investigator or the authorized designee, who shall then have 90 days to address or correct any alleged deficiencies. Court proceedings may not be initiated by the challenging party until this 90-day period has been completed.