

THE RALEIGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

1108-10

MOST WANTED LISTS

PURPOSE

Raleigh's Most Wanted Lists are tools available to alert law enforcement officers and to assist citizens in identifying dangerous fugitives. These lists also encourage citizens to contact the Raleigh Police Department or CrimeStoppers with any information that may lead to the fugitive's apprehension.

VALUES REFLECTED

This directive reflects our values of *Service and Integrity*. By following these guidelines we demonstrate our commitment to seeking justice by all legitimate means.

UNITS AFFECTED

All Divisions/Sworn Officers

REFERENCES/FORMS

North Carolina G.S. 15A-301 to 15A-305 "Criminal Processes"
North Carolina G.S. 15A-401 "Arrest by Law Enforcement Officer"
DOI 1110-7 "Surveillance"
DOI 1108-2 "Legal Process"
Attachment A: Raleigh's Most Wanted List Submission Form

May be Released to the Public

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City Manager

GENERAL POLICIES

Each Police District Crime Analyst will complete a District Most Wanted List. Most Wanted Lists are published for each Police District and include the fugitive's picture, name, aliases, and last known location of all persons meeting the criteria outlined below.

Each updated list will be distributed through the internal communication channels and referred to the Public Affairs Officer if distribution to external communication channels is required.

The detective assigned to the case will coordinate with the Fugitive Squad on the search for and apprehension of the fugitive.

CRITERIA FOR FUGITIVE SQUAD CASE ASSIGNMENT

The Fugitive Squad will normally pursue persons with outstanding warrants that meet any of the following criteria:

- Accused of committing a shooting, violent sex offense and/or rape, or violent assault on a law enforcement officer.
- Qualifies as a Habitual Felon under NC General Statutes
- Designated by the Detective Division Commander (or designee)

The Fugitive Squad may also be assigned cases concerning persons with an outstanding warrant with approval of the Detective Division Commander (or designee) if at least two of the following criteria are met:

- Multiple convictions for possessing with intent to sell/distribute illegal narcotics involving a significant quantity of contraband
- Validated as a gang member by a law enforcement agency
- Charged with a firearm violation

The Fugitive Squad may also be utilized to locate other subjects wanted for questioning when approved by the Detective Division Commander (or designee).

CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL

A person will be removed if any of the following criteria are met:

- The warrant is served
- The person is not extraditable
- The person is deceased

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

The updated Raleigh's Most Wanted Lists will be communicated to officers through daily roll-call briefings, via RPDnet BOLO system, Email, and MCTs. BOLOs will be posted on RPDnet and will be accessible to all officers.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Public Affairs Office will develop and coordinate external communication strategies on an as-needed basis. Such strategies may involve the use of the Department's web portal, social media, and other communication tools in addition to new releases distributed to the media.

FUGITIVE SQUAD

The purpose of the Fugitive Squad is the aggressive pursuit and apprehension of dangerous fugitives identified on Raleigh's Most Wanted Lists.

Officers assigned to the Fugitive Squad will be required to work together as part of a team to apprehend fugitives. These officers will be required to adjust their work hours, as needed, based on intelligence relating to the location of known fugitives. Fugitive Squad officers will receive specialized training in surveillance and fugitive apprehension, as well as investigative techniques.

The Fugitive Squad officers will keep case notes on the process and results of their search for these fugitives on Warrant Investigative note sheets. The Fugitive Squad Sergeant will sign-off on all note sheets.

Members of the Raleigh Police Department's Fugitive Squad will work with District Officers, assigned Detectives and other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to pursue and apprehend persons on a Most Wanted list.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND EVALUATION

For accountability, the Fugitive Squad Sergeant will assign a Fugitive Squad officer to each fugitive appearing on a Most Wanted list or assigned by the Detective Division Commander or his/her designee. It will be the responsibility of the Fugitive Squad officer to coordinate the effort to locate their assigned fugitives and to update the Fugitive Squad Sergeant on the status of each fugitive, including a summary of all efforts every 30 days.

The Fugitive Squad Sergeant (or designee) will prepare weekly, 28-day, year-to-date, and previous year comparison statistics, including the number of persons appearing on Raleigh's Most Wanted Lists that have been added or captured, indicating the number of fugitives captured as a result of CrimeStoppers tips. In addition, the Fugitive Squad Sergeant or his/her designee will calculate the number of days a captured fugitive was on the list. These statistics will be distributed department-wide.

PROCESS TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION FOR RALEIGH'S WEB-BASED MOST WANTED LIST

The officer or detective that secures a warrant on a person that meets the criteria outlined on the "Raleigh's Most Wanted List Submission Form" will complete and submit the form to a Detective Division Captain or his/her designee for consideration.

The Detective Division Commander or his/her designee has final approval of who appears on this list.



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Raleigh's Most Wanted List Submission Form

Instructions: Attach the fugitive's photo and criminal history to this completed form. Deliver the completed form to the Headquarters' Front Desk – Attn: Fugitive Squad Sergeant.

Fugitive's Name:

Option A: A person **with an outstanding warrant** will be placed on this list with approval of the Detective Division Commander or his/her designee if any of the following criteria are met. Please check all that apply to this fugitive:

- ☐ Accused of committing a shooting, violent sex offense and/or rape, or violent assault on a LEO.
- ☐ Qualifies as a Habitual Felon under NC General Statutes.
- ☐ Approved by the Detective Division Commander or his/her designee.

Option B: A person **with an outstanding warrant** will be placed on this list with approval of the Detective Division Commander or his/her designee if at least two of the following criteria are met. Please check all that apply to this fugitive:

- ☐ Multiple convictions of PWISD illegal narcotics involving a significant quantity of contraband.
- ☐ Validated gang member by a law enforcement agency.
- ☐ Charged with a firearm violation.

Submitted by:

Date:

Assignment/District:

☐ **Approved by Detective Division Commander or his/her designee**

☐ **Declined by Detective Division Commander or his/her designee**

Date: