



ARREST OF MILITARY DESERTERS

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I. BACKGROUND

Military authorities frequently call upon state and local law enforcement agencies to apprehend absentees and deserters from the military services. Civil (nonmilitary) law enforcement officers are authorized under Title 10, Section 808, U.S. Code to apprehend deserters and deliver them to military authorities. In exchange for this service, the Department of Defense is authorized to pay awards and expenses incurred in connection with the apprehension and processing of military deserters.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of this department to provide reasonable assistance to military authorities in the apprehension of absentees and deserters from the armed forces of the United States. Payment of monetary awards to individual police officers, in return for the apprehension and delivery of deserters to military authorities, will not be permitted. ***The Anne Arundel County Police Department will also not accept any monetary awards.***

III. PROCEDURES

A. Officers who detain persons reported as military deserters or absentees will have Teletype verify the current status of the detainee. Teletype will conduct such verification through NCIC and/or by calling the appropriate branch:

Army	1-502-626-3710
Navy	1-877-663-6772
Marines	1-703-604-0395
Air Force	1-877-246-1453
Coast Guard	410-576-2521

Teletype will attempt to obtain the name and telephone number of a contact person who can coordinate the transfer of the detainee to military authorities. ***Teletype will send verification information to the CHPC.***

B. Once the detainee's status as a deserter or absentee has been verified, the arresting officer will transport him/her to the ***Anne Arundel County Centralized Holding and Processing Center (CHPC)***, and the person will be fingerprinted, photographed, and booked according to existing procedures.

C. ***CHPC Booking Officers*** will contact the military contact person provided by Teletype, and will arrange for the transfer of the detainee to military authorities.

IV. PROPONENT UNIT: Bureau of Patrol.

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V. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 2006, dated ***08-11-14***.