



Kern County Sheriff's Office
Investigations Division

TITLE: Most Wanted Website Postings		NO: A-300	
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POLICY

In an effort to create a safer community and working in partnership with citizens, the Kern County Sheriff's Office is utilizing its "Most Wanted" web page. The goal is to inform and seek the assistance of the public in locating wanted persons and solving criminal investigations.

PROCEDURE A

Sergeants for the respective units (Homicide, SVU, and CAP), will review the requested submission regarding cases involving their units. Upon approval by the Unit Sergeant, the submission will be routed for posting. The Sheriff's Public Information Officer (PIO) will have the capability to post and remove Most Wanted information on the web page at the direction of a Detective Section Sergeant.

In the event additional information is learned or a person who has been placed on the web page is located, it is the investigator's responsibility to contact the person designated to post information as soon as practical for updates and/or removal from the website.

PROCEDURE B

Personnel who wish to use this avenue should consider the following criteria for submission:

- Adult criminal suspect(s).
- Felony suspect(s) or serious misdemeanor suspect(s) (e.g. spousal abuse, willful cruelty to a child, annoying or molesting a child).
- Escaped inmates.
- Unsolved homicides.

Investigators who have determined that a suspect should be placed on the Most Wanted page should submit the following information, if available, to the Sergeant for the respective unit:

- A digital copy (.jpg or .pdf files are preferred) of the Wanted poster either created by the Crime Scene Investigations Unit or by use of the "Sample Wanted Poster" in Microsoft Word Format. A copy of the "Sample Wanted Poster" is available on the Detective Drive.

- The poster should include the following information:
 - Photographs from at least one of the following sources:
 - Booking photographs from Cogent Mugshot.
 - Driver's license photographs or booking photographs from Cal-Photo (only if the suspect is a danger to the public).
 - Digitally scanned photographs.
 - Still captures from surveillance videos.
 - Available descriptive information.
 - A brief case synopsis.