

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Role and Authority

Rescinds:

Title: Investigations and/or Arrest
Conflicts

Approved By:

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PURPOSE

To avoid any possibility of conflicts arising from the investigation of or the arrest of an individual or individuals by an officer personally involved.

POLICY

Common sense dictates possible conflicts of interest may arise if an officer investigates or arrests persons he/she are personally acquainted with. These guidelines in no way prohibit an investigation or arrest but protect an officer from charges of bias or conflict of interests.

PROCEDURES

- A. Officers should consider all circumstances to avoid the possibility of conflict of interests.
- B. If any officer feels there may be a problem he/she should immediately contact a supervisor.
- C. The supervisor should review the situation and decide what the appropriate action should be.
- D. If the supervisor feels that a problem may arise either another officer should be assigned the investigation or the supervisor should conduct same.
- E. No officer should conduct investigations or make an arrest involving relations, personal friends or acquaintances.
- F. The above would also apply to officers that might be involved in the situation being investigated.