FIELD INTERVIEWS

B. Procedures

1. Contacts and field interviews with suspicious persons shall be documented by use of the field interview card. A case report number shall be used on all contacts where the field interview card is used.

2. Care shall be used by agents to guard against misuse of field interviews or the misuse of the field interview card. Agents shall have a valid reason for completing a field interview card on a subject or vehicle. The following are examples, but not totally inclusive of when a field interview card may be used:
   a. Suspicious persons or vehicles.
   b. Potential witnesses.
   c. Detention of intoxicated individuals at the Jefferson County Detoxification Center.
   d. Gang related contacts.

3. An agent often conducts field interviews of persons who, for one reason or another, appear suspicious. Although an agent may contact anyone and ask his name and business in the area, a person is not required to respond unless the agent has "reasonable suspicion" to believe the suspect is about to commit or has committed a crime.

C. Rule

1. Failing to provide information to an agent is not a crime. No individual shall be arrested for refusing to provide information to an agent for the completion of a field interview card.