



**CSU FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 6-12**

**FINGERPRINTING STOLEN VEHICLES**

**SUBJECT:** Fingerprinting Stolen Vehicles

**PURPOSE:** To provide a standard and uniform method of fingerprinting stolen vehicles.

**POLICY:** Fingerprinting of recovered stolen vehicles is an important tool in the apprehension of suspects. It is the policy of CSUF Police Department to routinely fingerprint all Orange County reported stolen vehicles recovered on campus. Any out of county reported stolen vehicles recovered on campus shall be fingerprinted if requested by the reporting agency.

**PROCEDURE:**

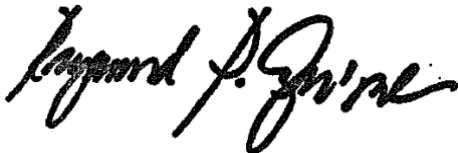
- I. When to Process Stolen Vehicles
  - A. For all Orange County originating reporting agencies, our Police Officer will dust recovered stolen vehicles for latent fingerprints, or if requested by an out of county agency. If there are other felony crimes associated with the recovered stolen vehicle, the recovering officer will perform a latent print search. The Watch Commander will determine the feasibility and method to accommodate the request.
  - B. In the case of major crimes, extenuating or exigent circumstances, or suspect(s) in custody, the recovered vehicle can be impounded or stored per CVC 22651(c) - Reported Stolen Vehicle or CVC 22561(h)(1) - Driver Arrested, or CVC 22655.5- Evidence of a Crime.
  - C. Suspects will be printed and photographed. The vehicle can be dusted for latent fingerprints at the police station, at the location of recovery, or the tow yard.
  - D. On cases beyond our resources, the Watch Commander is authorized to utilize Fullerton Police Department Crime Scene Investigators or Orange County Sheriffs' Forensic Science Services.

**II. Required Documentation****A. Documentation will include the following:**

1. Officers will note in their report if they attempted and/or recovered latent fingerprints from the recovered stolen vehicle.
2. CHP 180 Vehicle Report
3. O.C. Sheriffs' - Request for Evidence Examination Form
4. Photographs of the vehicle as found

**B. All documentation will be appropriately completed and signed.****C. Any reports and case numbers of assisting agencies will be attached or noted in the officer's report.****REVIEWED BY:**

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