

TRAINING BULLETIN

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DOCUMENTING AND IMPOUNDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

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I. PURPOSE

To provide guidance when officers come across Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM), commonly known as Child Pornography, during the scope of their duties.

II. SCOPE

This Training Bulletin applies to all Department personnel.

III. DEFINITIONS

Child Sexual Abuse Material is defined, in part, as obscene material of a minor under the age of 18, depicting either actual or simulated sexual acts for the purpose of sexual stimulation of the viewer, any lewd or lascivious sexual act as defined in Section 288, or excretory functions performed in a lewd or lascivious manner, whether or not any of the above conduct is performed alone or between members of the same or opposite sex or between humans and animals. An act is simulated when it gives the appearance of being sexual conduct. (311.4 PC)

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. When officers come across CSAM during the course of their duties, the device suspected of containing CSAM must be seized and impounded.
 1. **Officers shall not use their BWC to make a recording of any CSAM.**
 2. If an officer records CSAM during the course of the investigation, they shall contact their supervisor and document it in any report(s) created for the event.

- a. The supervisor shall contact the ICAC on-call supervisor and advise them of the inadvertent recording.
 - b. The evidence shall not be uploaded to Evidence.com without the advisal and direction of the on-call ICAC supervisor/detective.
 - c. The on-call ICAC supervisor/detective will contact the Operational Support Unit BWC liaison or supervisor to direct as to how to handle the video.
- B. Officers will document the content of the image/video within the body of their written reports to include a detailed description of the acts depicted, a physical description of the minor depicted, and an approximate age or age range of the minor.
- C. If the officers are unable to seize the device, they shall call ICAC personnel for assistance.
- D. An ICAC Patrol Guide can be found in the Resource Library at **(Deleted – records of security)**

All other questions or further assistance should be directed to the ICAC Unit at **(Deleted – records of security)**.

Please read at squad conferences and post.