



ARREST OF MILITARY DESERTERS

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I. BACKGROUND

Military authorities frequently call upon state and local law enforcement agencies to apprehend absentees and deserters from the military services. Civil (nonmilitary) law enforcement officers are authorized under Title 10, Section 808, U.S. Code to apprehend deserters and deliver them to military authorities. In exchange for this service, the Department of Defense is authorized to pay awards and expenses incurred in connection with the apprehension and processing of military deserters. In the past, such monetary awards have on occasion been paid directly to individual police officers who have apprehended military deserters.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of this department to provide reasonable assistance to military authorities in the apprehension of absentees and deserters from the armed forces of the United States. Payment of monetary awards to individual police officers, in return for the apprehension and delivery of deserters to military authorities, will not be permitted. Instead, any money due to Anne Arundel County as a result of such activities will be accepted by this department, and donated to a charitable organization, after any incurred expense has been deducted.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Officers who detain persons reported as military deserters or absentees will have Teletype verify the current status of the detainee. Teletype will conduct such verification through NCIC and/or by calling *the appropriate branch*:

<i>Army</i>	<i>1-502-626-3711, 12 or 13</i>
<i>Navy</i>	<i>1-800-423-7633 or 1-847-688-2106</i>
<i>Marines</i>	<i>1-703-614-3248/3376</i>
<i>Air Force</i>	<i>1-800-531-5501</i>
<i>Coast Guard</i>	<i>1-800-323-7233</i>

Teletype will attempt to obtain the name and telephone number of a contact person who can coordinate the transfer of the detainee to military authorities.

B. Once the detainee's status as a deserter or absentee has been verified, the arresting officer will transport him/her to the district station, and the person will be fingerprinted, photographed, and booked according to existing procedures.

C. The arresting officer will contact the military contact person provided by Teletype, and will arrange for the transfer of the detainee to military authorities. In most cases, the military will respond to our facilities. In some cases it may be necessary to deliver the detainee to a local military facility. District supervisors will coordinate any prisoner transportation provided by this department.

D. It is permissible to house military deserters and absentees for up to forty-eight (48) hours in a district station holding facility, provided that written verification of status and intent to pick up the detainee has been received from the agency of jurisdiction. Booking personnel are to maintain a record of all expenses incurred (feeding, medicine, long distance telephone calls, etc.) in connection with such detention.

E. Upon transfer of the deserter/absentee to military authorities, either at a police facility or a military base or installation, the police employee releasing the prisoner will obtain a document acknowledging receipt of the prisoner. Military police should present a receipt and billing invoice when taking custody of their prisoner. If none is available, the military official taking custody of the prisoner will sign a copy of our record of arrest, indicating receipt of the wanted person.

F. After the wanted person has been turned over to military authorities, the patrol supervisor will ensure that copies of all police reports, and all original bills, invoices and receipts are forwarded to the Management & Planning Section.

IV. PROPONENT UNIT: Patrol Services Bureau.

V. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 2006, dated 02-26-09.