



STATEMENT OF CHARGES CONTINUED - INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM DC/CR3A

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I. PURPOSE

Form DC/CR 3A, "Statement of Charges Continued" is a continuation form for the District Court Statement of Charges form DC/CR2. Its purpose is to enable an officer to charge a defendant with multiple crimes resulting from the same arrest, and may be used in lieu of the arresting officer's presence at the defendant's initial appearance before a District Court judicial officer.

II. INSTRUCTION FOR USE

A. Each continuation form enables the officer to charge an additional four crimes, consistent with the following rules:

- 1. The charges must all apply to the same defendant. Separate defendants, including those arrested at the same time and place for the same crime, must be charged on separate charging documents. In such situations, indicate the connection by filling in the "related charges" blocks of the original statement of charges forms.
- 2. The crimes charged must be of the same or similar character, or arise from the same act or transaction, or be based on a continuing series or acts or transactions constituting parts of a common series of events or plan.
- 3. Subject to paragraphs 1 and 2, any combination of felonies and misdemeanors may be charged.

B. The heading of the continuation requires the court address, defendant's name and date of birth, and the tracking number of the original statement of charges. The remainder of the form is completed in the same manner as the Statement of Charges form, DC/CR2, beginning with "**It is formally charged that the defendant.**"

III. PROPONENT UNIT: Court Liaison Officer.

IV. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Article 21, Section 21.8.2. Prior date: 03-30-94.