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SUBJECT: SOLVABILITY FACTORS

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I. PURPOSE:

To use investigative resources effectively, cases will be assigned by solvability factors.

II. PROCEDURES:

- A. Case screening involves the review of each initial investigation to determine the probability of the case solution through investigation. The screening out of cases based on solvability factors is intended to substantially reduce the investigators case load.
- B. A copy of all incident reports (theft, rape, assault, burglary, robbery, forgery and homicide and stalking) will be submitted to the Captain Investigator for screening. Serious offenses such as the ones previously listed, will not be suspended merely on solvability factors or lack of investigative resources.
- C. It is the policy of this Division that the suspension of investigative efforts will be done on the following criteria:

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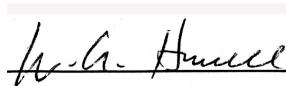
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- D. The following are solvability factors that will be used by the Chief Investigator in determining if a case will be assigned to an investigator for follow up investigation.
1. Was an arrest made?
  2. Can a suspect be named?
  3. Can a suspect be located?
  4. Was there a witness to the crime?
  5. Can a suspect be described?
  6. Will victim prosecute?
  7. Is there significant evidence present?
  8. Is there a significant M.O. present?
  9. Is there a significant reason to believe that the crime may be solved with reasonable effort?

  
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