

DUNCANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS	
SUBJECT: Influence of/to Official Action	GO 1.07
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2013	APPROVED:
AMENDS/SUPERSEDES: R80-007 ISSUED: January 1, 1980	Robert D. Brown, Jr. Chief of Police

I. OBJECTIVES

- A. To assure the continuance of professional, lawful, and objective conduct by all employees associated with this department and to maintain the professional image which this departments personnel have worked diligently to nurture through the community for the purpose of obtaining the publics' assistance in law enforcement.
- B. To assure the effective delivery of appropriate services to citizens need of aid or information.
- C. To maintain the effective operation of the criminal justice system.

II. RULES

- A. No employee shall:
 - 1. Void, destroy, or interrupt the processing of any court citation issued by any officer or attempt to have any charge, citation, or notice to appear reduced, altered, or stricken from the appropriate court document.
 - 2. Interfere with the service of lawful process.
 - 3. Interfere unlawfully with the attendance or testimony of witnesses or defendants through coercion, bribery, or other means.
 - 4. Attempt to have any legal process dismissed, reduced, voided, go unserved, or stricken from official records except in the interest of justice, and then only in accordance with departmental procedures.
 - 5. Engage in any other action, which will interfere with the efficiency or integrity of the criminal justice system. Participation in plea negotiation is not construed as a compromise.
- B. Except as authorized below, no employee shall communicate information which might assist persons suspected of or charged with any offense:
 - 1. Employees may communicate information to appropriate departmental employees or the prosecutor that would exculpate individuals suspected or charged with a criminal act.
 - 2. Employees may communicate information that would assist in the rehabilitation of convicted persons.
- C. No employee shall solicit or accept from any person, business, or organization any valuable gift (including money, tangible or intangible personal property, loan,

promise, service, or entertainment) for the benefit of the employee or others if it may reasonably be inferred that the person, business, or organization:

1. Seeks to influence action of an official nature or seeks to affect the performance or non-performance of an official duty.
 2. Has an interest which may be substantially affected directly or indirectly by the performance of an official duty, or
 3. Has provided or offered such as a result of the employees employment with the department.
- D. No employee shall recommend or tout the services of any tow service, repair garage, attorney at law, physician, common carrier, bondsman or other person, organization, or service in return for any gift or value solicited, offered, received or expected to himself or another.
- E. Except upon the specific request of the individual requiring such persons, organization, or service, or except during an emergency when the employee knows or reasonably believes that a specific person, organization, or service has the special technique, talent, equipment, or immediate availability uniquely necessary to alleviate the emergency, no employee shall:
1. Request that a specified person, organization, or service be dispatched or utilized.
- F. No employee shall solicit or accept free admission to theaters or other places of amusement or recreation except as sanctioned by the chief of police.
- G. No employee shall solicit the aid of any individual or group outside the department for assistance in procurement of transfer, duty assignment, or promotion.
- H. No employee shall accept any gift, reward, or other consideration for services rendered in the line of duty, except lawful salary, and that which may be otherwise authorized by law.
- I. No employee shall utilize a departmental business card except in conjunction with departmental activities.