

RECOMMENDATION 032416-5

Directive 630.15, Foot Pursuits—should clarify which kinds of foot pursuits should be initiated or terminated

FULL TEXT:

Revise Directive 630.15, Foot Pursuits, with regard to solo foot pursuits.

Directive 630.15 should be revised to clarify when solo foot pursuits should be initiated or terminated and include at least the following:

Officers shall not engage in or continue a foot pursuit while acting alone unless the delay in the apprehension of the suspect would present an immediate threat of death or serious physical injury to the officer or civilians. Even if that level of threat exists, the officer acting alone has the discretion to not engage or continue a foot pursuit. If exigent circumstances exist, the lone officer shall keep the suspect in sight from a safe distance and help coordinate containment.