

RECOMMENDATION 102215-6

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Officers should make specific attempts to determine whether the subject understands the verbal warnings that have been given, taking into account factors such as language, hearing, and cognitive ability.

Officers should attempt to utilize hand signals where there is a language barrier or the subject is deaf or hard of hearing, prior to using force.

In such instances, officers should identify themselves as police officers. Also, if it is not already known by the subject to be detained, arrested, or searched, officers should, if reasonable, make clear their intent to detain, arrest, or search the subject.