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MEMORANDUM FOR: Field Office Directors
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SUBJECT: Documentation of Consent in Enter and Search

Purpose

This memorandum establishes guidance for Detention and Removal Operations (DRO) officers regarding documentation of consent to enter and/or search a premise, or other constitutionally protected location, when consent is required in accordance with the Fourth Amendment. The Detention and Removal Operations mission promotes public safety and national security by ensuring the departure of all removable aliens from the United States through the fair and effective enforcement of the nation's immigration laws. During the execution of this mission, officers often possess only administrative arrest authorities pursuant to a Warrant for Arrest of Alien (I-200). As such, officers will often find themselves in circumstances requiring informed, voluntary consent to enter and/or conduct a search of a residence, vehicle or other constitutionally protected location in compliance with the Fourth Amendment.

Discussion

When consent is required, the officer asking for such consent shall document the name of the person giving consent, the scope of the consent given, the time of day that the consent was given and other relevant factors such as the identity of any other individuals that witness the granting of consent. Additionally, officers should document the time the search was completed and, if consent is withdrawn, the time of such withdrawal. This documentation shall be included in the Field Operations Worksheet (FOW) as soon as it is practical after receiving consent. The FOW shall be kept with other investigative case related materials for future reference. Also, if an arrest is made, this information will be included in the narrative portion of the Record of Deportable Alien (Form I-213).

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