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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Field Office Directors
ICE Academy

FROM: John P. Torres
Acting Director 

SUBJECT: Addition to Section 5, Chapter 19 (Field Operations and Tactics)
of the Detention and Deportation Officer's Field Manual
(DDFM) – **Use of Ruses During Arrest Operations**

Purpose

This memorandum announces an immediate addition to Section 5, Chapter 19 of the DDFM.

Action

Field Office Directors will ensure that all personnel who conduct enforcement operations within their area of responsibility are aware of this addition. The ICE Academy will ensure that future students of the Fugitive Operations Training Program (FOTP) as well as all other DRO structured courses are made aware of this addition. A revised Section 5 will be issued in the near future.

This addition will be inserted in paragraph V. (Arrest Locations) just before the section labeled '**Fugitives Encountered in Vehicles**':

Use of Ruses During Arrest Operations

The USMS, FBI and various other federal, state and local agencies have successfully used 'ruses' to lure targets to locations where the arrests were made with the least amount of danger to both the officers and targets. The use of a ruse during an arrest means that we control the time and location, not the target. The use of ruses is taught in the FOTP at FLETC.

Ruses can run the gamut from announcing that you are with DRO and looking for a person other than the target to adopting the guise of another agency (federal, state or local) or that of a private entity. When using the name of another agency or that of a private entity to cover the operation, the Team Leader will contact that agency or entity. The initial point of contact with the proposed cover agency or entity should be the local agency head or the local chief of security of the private entity. A memorandum to the file should be prepared to document these discussions.

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The purpose of the contact is to ensure that the agency or entity's name who we wish to use as a cover has an opportunity to raise concerns about how our use of their name will affect their public image or raise security concerns for their employees. Private entities can be particularly sensitive to the use of their name in law enforcement operations.

If the affected agency or entity has concerns with the use of the ruse, contact the Headquarters Fugitive Operations Unit. The HQ/FOU will weigh the affected agency or entity's equities and concerns against the well-known and inherent advantages that a ruse offers. It is our intention to use whatever means available to ensure that officer, target and innocent third party safety is not compromised.

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to (b)(6), (b)(7)
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