Kenosha Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

Subject: POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS AND RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a procedure by which the polygraph will be used within the Kenosha Police Department.

II. POLICY

The polygraph may be used consistent with this policy to verify, corroborate or refute statements, obtain additional investigative leads and to narrow or focus a criminal investigation.

III. DEFINITIONS

Polygraph: An Instrument that records certain physiological changes in a person undergoing questioning in an effort to determine truth or deception.

IV. PROCEDURE

The polygraph examination is a valuable investigative aid, in conjunction with but not as a substitute for a thorough investigation. The effectiveness of the polygraph technique is dependent upon teamwork, in that the investigator and the polygraph examiner must work together. To be effective the following procedures should be adhered to:

A. The person tested must be a suspect in a felony or serious misdemeanor.

B. The request for a polygraph examination will be initiated by submitting a Polygraph Request Form along with all pertinent information. The investigator will be responsible for reviewing, clarifying or elaborating on information submitted to the examiner. This case information will include but not be limited to:

- All reports
- Medical examination reports
- Photographs
- Diagrams
- Any other information that may be important to the investigation.

C. The polygraph examiner will make a determination as to whether a polygraph examination would prove beneficial given the circumstances of the investigation.

D. The polygraph examiner will make a determination as to whether the examinee is capable of submitting to a polygraph examination.

E. A request to have a juvenile submit to a polygraph examination must include a signed Polygraph Examination Statement of Consent form. A parent or legal guardian must sign this form and the juvenile must be a minimum of 14 years old.

F. All polygraph examinations will be video taped.

G. If appropriate, the requesting investigator will attend the polygraph examination and will participate in any post examination interviews.

H. A polygraph examination may be conducted for another agency with the consent of the Chief of Police or his designee.

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