

# WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### POLICY AND PROCEDURES

## REPEAT/ HABITUAL OFFENDER

EFFECTIVE DATE: 05/15/08 AMENDS/SUPERCEDES: STANDARD NUMBER: 42.1.5

REVIEW DATE: 05/15/08 REVISION DATE: 05/15/08

APPROVED:

**Sheriff Signature** 

## **29.5.1 Purpose**

To identify those individuals, who meet the qualifications as habitual/serious offenders, and charge as such.

#### 29.5.2 Rationale

UCA 76-3-203 identifies offenses determined to be violent felonies for the purposes of prosecuting habitual violent offenders, and the elements required to charge a subject as a habitual violent offender.

## **29.5.3** Policy

- A. Habitual Violent Offender is any person meeting the criteria outlined in UCA 76-3-203.
  - 1. Investigators of the Investigations Section should conduct criminal history checks of suspects being investigated, and identify those suspects who meet the criteria of a habitual violent offender.
  - 2. Additional habitual offender suspect information may be gained through the attendance of investigators at weekly homicide, burglary, auto theft, fraud, sex crimes, etc. meetings held throughout the local area.
- B. Individuals identified as habitual offenders.
  - 1. Individuals who are identified and meet the criteria of a repeat offender/habitual criminal, will be documented as such. The investigator should prepare the information for filing of charges with the prosecuting attorney.
  - 2. All cases that have been identified as habitual violent offender cases, will be forwarded to the appropriate Investigations

- Supervisor for review.
- 3. In cases where the defendant may qualify as a habitual violent offender, as defined by UCA 76-3-203, the case shall be forwarded to the County Attorney's office for review and potential filing of habitual offender charges or other sentencing enhancements.