

MOBILE DRUG DEALING INFORMATION SHEET



WHAT IS IT?

Mobile drug dealing is the sale of narcotics between individuals in vehicles. A cell phone is usually used as a tool to set up the meeting at a specified location.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Suspicious behavior typically displayed by people engaged in mobile drug dealing:

- Continuous car / foot traffic around the block or back and forth on the same route multiple times
- The same vehicle meeting up with many different vehicles for short meetings
- The same person seen in many different vehicles
- Strange vehicles from out of the area
- Quick/brief meetings
- Hand-to-hand transactions
- Transactions through car windows
- Cell phone usage and then meeting someone
- Headlight or brake light flashing
- Hand signaling (waving off the meeting)
- Someone taking or placing objects in odd places of the car (wheel wells, engine compartments, under dashes, etc.)
- Observation of drug packaging materials, passing of money, or other goods

WHAT TO DO:

- Have pencil and paper handy to note your observations (see MPD Witness Form).
- **Call 911 when you spot the activity occurring.**
- When observing and recording the suspected criminal activity, please note the following:
 - Plate number and state of issue on involved vehicles. Please try to identify which is the drug dealer's vehicle versus the buyer's vehicle.
 - Give a brief vehicle description: make and model, color, 2 door or 4 door, truck or car.
 - Suspect descriptions
 - Brief description of the actions you observed
 - **Contact your Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS) with the same information for follow-up**

WHAT THE CPS WILL DO:

- Evaluate the information that is given and report it to our CRT (community response team) to look up the license plate to find the registered owner. The officers will then check to see if the registered owner has any criminal history or similar arrests. If they receive more information they will open an investigation, and possibly conduct some undercover details in the area.
- Make sure the district officers are made aware of suspected drug traffic, and have them patrol the area more in their down time.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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