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Investigation of Crimes Policy

Purpose:

To set out the principles guiding the EPS members in carrying-out investigations from initiation through conclusion.

Statement of Principle:

The EPS is committed to achieving excellence in conducting timely and comprehensive investigative processes that; support the administration of justice, recover assets, provide victim support, promote safer communities, gather intelligence, and prevent crimes.

Policy Statement:

- A.** Effective investigations include the following standards at minimum:
 - 1. timely response to reported offences,
 - 2. preservation of the scene and documentation of existing evidence, if applicable,
 - 3. using investigative techniques and aids appropriate for the offence and circumstance to gather evidence admissible before the court,
 - 4. maintaining appropriate documentation and reporting, and
 - 5. providing victim support and witness care, as necessary.
- B.** The EPS is mandated to use a Case Management System enabling a balanced caseload, timely response and reporting, and expedient resolution of investigations.
- C.** During investigations, EPS members must ensure that the accused and all other persons with whom they come into contact with are afforded all constitutional and statutory rights.