



Alternatives to Arrest

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Purpose

To establish written guidelines which will identify alternatives officers may choose to use other than that of an actual arrest as defined under Indiana state criminal code.

General Order

The Indiana University Police Department (IUPD) include their action-stance on the directive. When the length of a directive is brief and simple, paragraph form may be used. The proper use of discretion is an important aspect of law enforcement and is predicated on good judgment. The use of discretion requires that an officer make responsible decisions which can withstand scrutiny by the Indiana University Police Department, other jurisdictional components of the criminal justice system and the community itself.

Use of Discretion by Sworn Officers

Sworn officers are encouraged to exercise discretion when dealing with their many duties. The use of discretion must be soundly based upon law, Departmental directives, experience, university policies, and training. Therefore, officers must correctly interpret laws and Department directives. Officers shall realize that the use of discretion is not permitted when certain activities are mandated by statutes, Department directives or supervisory direction. Officers shall seek direction from their supervisor when the appropriate course of action is in doubt.

An officer's discretionary decision regarding severity of enforcement action or inaction must not be influenced by malice, vengeance, or prejudice based upon status, age, race, ethnic background, religious belief, gender, or sexual preference, etc.

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The power of arrest granted to Police Officers is one of the alternatives available to them under circumstances that require some form of police action. IUPD Officers shall exercise good judgment and consider the degree and severity of the violation or university policy violation committed when determining which alternative to use¹. Such considerations may include, but shall not be limited to, the following²:

- The risk that the suspect will commit another crime.
- Prior criminal record.

¹ IACLEA 2.2.3 – Alternatives to Arrest

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- The risk that the suspect is a danger to him/herself or others.
- Applicable laws and court decisions.
- Goals and objectives of the university police department and Indiana University in respect to how students should be dealt with on policy violations.

Alternatives may include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Uniform Traffic or University Tickets.
- Summons.
- Warnings.
- Referrals to the Dean of Students; and
- Juvenile offenders may be issued promises to appear or released to their parent(s) and/or legal guardians.

Related Information

None apply

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