**Public Safety and Institutional Assurance**  
**Indiana University Police Department**  
Chapter 9 – Patrol Services  
Sub-Chapter - 9.2 – Special Circumstances  
**9.2.6 Individuals with Mental Illness**

**Effective Date:** 9/23/2016  
**Revised Date:** 11/17/2021  
**Rescinds:** G9.2.6 – 9/23/2016  
F8.1.2 – 8/2020  
**Number of Pages:** 3

---

**Purpose**  
To establish procedures for handling individuals with mental illness including guidelines for recognizing indicators of mental illness, assessing resources, and training.

**General Order**  
The Indiana University Police Department (IUPD) provides guidelines for recognizing persons with a mental health condition and/or experiencing a mental health crisis. The IUPD shall treat such individuals with dignity and respect and shall provide access to law enforcement and community resources as available and appropriate. Initial and refresher training will be completed by officers and communications personnel.

**Guidelines for recognizing indicators of mental illness (9.2.6 a)**  
The following may be indicative of a person with a mental health condition. Officers must be mindful that these behaviors may also signify a condition other than mental health (i.e. medical conditions, head injury, autism, Alzheimer’s etc.).

- Confusion or disorientation
- Diminished, inappropriate or muted feelings or emotions
- Strange behaviors including inappropriate dress or unusual social behaviors
- Insomnia or hypersomnia
- Significant weight loss not attributed to dieting
- Extremely animated or sluggish movements
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Inability to concentrate
- Recurrent thoughts of death without suicide plan or attempt
- Manic symptoms: great happiness, inflated self-importance, rapid flights of thought, great energy, risk taking behaviors, enhanced physical activity with little to no sleep
- Concrete thinking: interpreting concepts literally with difficult time understanding abstract ideas
- Anxiety, including panic attacks, social phobias or obsessive-compulsive thought and behavior patterns
- Delusions: a fixed or rigid thought pattern which evidence to the contrary does not resolve (for example, believing they are the president)
- Hallucinations: a sensory perception despite no sensory stimulus (for example, hearing voices, seeing monsters, feeling bugs on their skin, etc.)
- Admission of specific diagnosis or of using psychotropic medication
- Expressing thoughts or ideas that seem illogical, bizarre, suspicious, or paranoid
- Trash or other items of little worth that appear to have been collected or are inexplicably retained
9.2.6 Individuals with Mental Illness

- Large amount of debris in or around their residence
- Strange decorations or ritualistic displays present in their residence

Procedures for assessing on- and off-campus mental health resources (9.2.6 b)

Officers shall consider the necessity of involving additional resources in evaluating a person with mental health concerns. Further assessment by a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officer, negotiator, mental health provider, or any other appropriate resource may be required. The following are options for the officer:

- Release the individual with a referral made to a mental health provider.
- Place the individual in the custody of their family or friends.
- Consultation and/or evaluation with a mental health provider.
- Arrest and/or citation for a violation.
- Immediate detention in accordance with IC 12-26-4-1.

When placing a person under immediate detention, the officer will complete a case report in IUPD's Records Management system. F9.2.6 Immediate Detention Form will also be completed and provided to the facility with a copy of the completed form uploaded to the other media section of the case report. When transporting a person to a facility who has been placed under Immediate Detention, the safety of the individual and the officer is of heightened priority. Officers will perform a thorough search and ensure the individual does not possess any weapons and restraints will be utilized during transport. All personal belongings (purses, bags, etc.) will be secured out of the reach of the individual being transported.

Indiana University students, faculty or staff who are being transported to a medical facility for a voluntary commitment that pose no immediate threat to their own personal safety, or the safety of the transporting officer, should be secured and seat belted in the rear passenger compartment of the transport vehicle unhandcuffed. Handcuffing persons in crises during minor mental health episodes can exacerbate the situation.

If available, IUPD vehicles equipped with plexiglass barriers can be utilized for transportation. Transporting officers should apply critical decision-making principles during their initial assessment of the individual to ensure necessary precautions are taken to ascertain the safety and confidentiality of the individual being transported without minimizing the safety of the transporting officer.

National, Indiana state, and Indiana University campus specific mental health services are available and will be provided as appropriate to individuals in need of these resources. Resources are available on the Protect IU website.
The Behavioral Consultation Team (BCT) or Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) is available and provides consultation, makes recommendations for action, and coordinates campus resources in response to concerning behavior displayed by students, staff, or faculty. IUPD officers will complete reports as appropriate to the BCT or BIT.

**Initial and refresher training for officers and communications personnel (9.2.6 c)**

All officers and communications personnel will receive initial training on individuals with mental illness. All officers and communications personnel will receive refresher training at a minimum every two years.

**Related Information**

**Indiana University Police Department:**
- F9.2.6 Immediate Detention Form

**Indiana Code:**
- IC 12-7-2-130 *Mental Illness*
- IC 12-26-4 *Immediate Detention*
- IC 12-26-5 *Emergency Detention*

**Access mental health services and resources**

---

Benjamin Hunter (11/17/2021)
Superintendent for Public Safety
### F9.2.6 – Immediate Detention Form

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subject Name:</th>
<th>Age:</th>
<th>DOB:</th>
<th>Sex:</th>
<th>Race:</th>
<th>SSN:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Address:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Transported to:**

**Date:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Incident Location:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time of Call:</th>
<th>Time at Scene:</th>
<th>Time Cleared Call:</th>
<th>Case#:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Subject’s Indiana University Affiliation:**
- Student
- Employee
- No Affiliation
- Unknown

**Officer believes subject above suffers from:**
- A psychiatric disorder (mental illness)
- Intellectual Disability
- Substance Abuse/Addiction
- Excited Delirium

**Other/Specify (is a danger to self and/or others and is in need of immediate hospitalization):**

Describe in detail harmful acts or threats of harmful acts which indicate the person is dangerous to self or others.

**Please indicate any further details that you feel are important (weapons in the home, etc.).**

**Relatives/Contact Person(s):**

Name/Address/Phone Numbers (if other than above)

**Witness/Reporting Person(s):**

Name/Address/Phone Numbers (if other than above)

### Nature of Incident (check all applicable):

- Criminal Charges (Specify below)
- Disorderly/disruptive behavior
- Drug-related offense
- Neglect of self-care
- Nuisance (loitering, panhandling, trespassing, etc.)
- Public Intoxication
- Suicide threat or attempt
- Subject complaint
- Theft, other property crime
- Threats of violence to others
- Welfare check
- No information
- Other (Specify below)

**Specify:**

### Threats/Violence/Weapons:

- Did the subject brandish a weapon during police interview?
- If Yes, Type of Weapon:
  - Gun
  - Knife
  - Other

**Specify:**

- Did the subject threaten violence toward another person?
- If Yes, To Whom (partner, officer, etc):
  - Specify:

- Did subject injure or attempt to injure self?
- If Yes, Answer under Injuries section.

### Prior Contacts:

- Prior police contacts:
- Repeat call (within 24 hours):
  - If Yes, Specify:

- Medication Compliance:
  - Yes
  - No
  - Unknown

**Specify Known Medications:**

### Complainant Relationship:

- Self
- Partner/Spouse
- Parent
- Boyfriend/Girlfriend
- Sibling
- Friend/Acquaintance
- Other Family
- Business Owner
- Other
- Emergency Services
- Unknown

### Behaviors evident at time of Incident (check all applicable):

- Disorientation/confusion
- Delusions (Specify below if known)
- Manic (elevated/expansive mood, inflated self-esteem, pressure speech, flight of ideas, distractible)
- Unusually scared or frightened
- Other/Specify:

- Disorganized speech
- Hallucinations (Specify below if known)
- Depressed (sadness, loss of interest in activities, loss of energy, feelings of worthlessness)

**Specify:**

- Belligerent/Uncooperative

### Injuries:

- Officer Injured: Yes No
- Subject Injured: Yes No
- Prior to Officer Arrival: Yes No
- During Police Intervention: Yes No

**Nature of Injury:**

**Officer’s Name:**

**Officer’s Signature:**

**Dept. Contact #:**

**Officer’s Contact #:**