

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**PATROL SERVICES POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

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**MOBILE IDENT II FINGERPRINT READER**

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**POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to define the use of mobile fingerprint readers to assist in the identification of persons in the field.

**DEFINITIONS**

**The Mobile Ident II Fingerprint Reader** is a wireless device designed to capture a subject's fingerprints in the field for comparison against those persons whose fingerprints are already contained within the Marin County Sheriff's Office's Automated Fingerprint Identification System. The device is designed only as an aid to identification.

**PROCEDURE**

The Mobile Ident II Fingerprint Reader is designed to transmit fingerprint images captured in the field via wireless PDA to the Marin County Sheriff's Office's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). Those transmitted images are then checked against images already maintained within the AFIS database to determine if there is a matching set of prints on file.

An inquiry takes approximately 90 seconds to complete. The Ident II results are shown using a red light to indicate a positive (hit) response, or a green light to indicate a negative (no hit) response. If a positive response is received, the information returned to the PDA will include the name of the person being matched, the booking photograph of that person, the person's booking number, and the person's California driver's license number, as reported at the time of the person's booking.

Fingerprint readers will be assigned to all patrol offices and are available for deputies to use in the field.

To ensure proper interpretation of the returned results, only those deputies who have been trained in the use of the Mobile Ident II Fingerprint Reader may use the device.

Use of the Mobile Ident II shall be limited to purposes of confirming subject identification during consensual encounters, lawful detentions, and/or arrests, however, specific consent to submit to an electronic fingerprint analysis must be obtained during a consensual encounter.

The Mobile Ident II Fingerprint Reader is provided through a regionally funded Board and is maintained by Cogent Systems Inc. In the event of a device problem or failure, Cogent Systems should be notified using their Help Line at 866-500-2347.

**Note: This device is only a tool used to help confirm a subject's identification and shall not be relied upon solely to verify the actual identity of a subject.**

RELATED STANDARDS:

None

AFFECTED DIVISIONS:

Patrol

REVISIONS:

None

By order of:

ROBERT T. DOYLE  
SHERIFF.