

Policy Name:	WARRANTS ORIGINATING OUTSIDE CANADA		
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RELATED POLICIES

1. PURPOSE

1.1. To provide guidance to Surrey Police Service (SPS) Members regarding arrest warrants that originate outside Canada.

2. SCOPE

2.1. This policy applies to all SPS Members.

3. POLICY

3.1. When a Member encounters a person wanted on a warrant that originates outside Canada, there is no power of arrest. An Extradition Warrant must be obtained by the Department of Justice Canada (DOJ) from a Supreme Court Judge before a suspect can be arrested or detained in Canada on an outstanding foreign warrant. This does not prevent the Member from exercising their powers of arrest under any other Canadian statute and awaiting the extradition warrant while the suspect is in custody for another matter.

4. PROCEDURE

4.1. A Member who encounters a person wanted on a foreign warrant must:

- i. not arrest unless the person is arrestable for an offence committed in Canada;
- ii. obtain all necessary particulars of the individual and include how identity was determined and confirm the person’s address for follow-up;
- iii. contact the Canada Border Services Agency, Immigration Officer to ensure that the person is not of interest to them;
- iv. during daytime hours contact the Department of Justice Canada to ensure that an extradition process has not commenced or that an extradition warrant has been issued but has not yet

been entered on CPIC. If after hours, ensure the Department of Justice Canada is notified by the next business day;

- v. consider contacting the Provincial Foreign and Domestic Liaison Unit at [REDACTED] for support and their direct line to the DOJ International Assistance Group;
- vi. If the country holding the outstanding warrant has a questionable human rights record which may conflict with Canada's human rights obligations, Global Affairs Canada will also need to be consulted;
- vii. If the individual is wanted for a serious offence the Member must inform their Supervisor of the particulars;
- viii. ensure that the originating agency is notified immediately, or prior to the end of the Member's shift, via CPIC message of the whereabouts of the individual wanted;
- ix. submit a General Occurrence (GO) report in PRIME-BC outlining the details of the check and actions taken; and
- x. route a copy of the GO report to the sections within SPS that may be required to follow up in locating the person.

4.2. A Supervisor may consider using surveillance resources in cases where an individual is wanted on a foreign warrant for a serious offence. Any decision to take action must consider that it is not possible to detain individuals unless they are arrestable for an offence committed in Canada or where an extradition warrant is in effect.

APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

“DOJ” means Department of Justice Canada.

“CPIC” means the Canadian Police Information Centre, the computerized national information repository and retrieval system operated by the RCMP on behalf of the nation’s policing community that facilitates the sharing of information among authorized agencies.

“Member” means a sworn Police Officer appointed by the Surrey Police Board.

“PRIME-BC” means the Police Records Information Management Environment, the provincial police records management system.

“SPS” means Surrey Police Service.

“Supervisor” means a Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Inspector, Superintendent, Deputy Chief Constable, Chief Constable, and any other person acting in a Supervisory capacity who is accountable for a particular area or shift on behalf of SPS.

APPENDIX B: REFERENCES