



## VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT PLANNING & RESEARCH SECTION

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**Subject:** Relinquished Property – RPM Amendment

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*Approved*  
*VERY MINOR CLARIFYING  
AMENDMENT. PLEASE  
AMEND PROCEDURE ON  
RPM AND PREPARE A  
ONE-PAGE NOTICE FOR  
ELECTRONIC  
BRIEFING*

22(3)(b), 22(3)(h)

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Regulations and Procedures Manual (RPM) Section 26.01: *Property – General Procedures* deals with various property issues and outlines the definitions for seized property, found property, found property as evidence, safekeeping and relinquishment. Further, this section lays out the procedure for dealing with property in each of these circumstances. For example, a member dealing with a person in possession of a knife (by definition a dangerous weapon), where this person has not committed a criminal offence and/or is not acting in a dangerous or threatening manner, may ask this person to voluntarily relinquish the knife to the police.

Section 26.01 (4): Relinquished Property outlines the procedure for this situation. It states:

"In cases where the ownership of property is not disputed and the owner voluntarily relinquishes the property to the officer, the property shall be tagged at the Property Office with the disposition "RELINQUISHED" written on the tag. A photocopy of the receipt of relinquishment obtained by the officer in their notebook shall be attached to the property. The receipt shall state the following:

- "I, (name of owner) do hereby voluntarily relinquish my property to the police to be disposed of as they see fit";
- List of property being relinquished;
- Signature of owner; and
- Signature of officer."

This procedure is still valid; however, members need to be directed on how to properly code this type of incident.

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Amending this procedure to direct members to submit a GO for the substantive offence (in addition to the original event, i.e. sus cir) will not create any additional work for members, it will simply make the GO reflect the true nature of the incident and allow the Information Management Section to provide accurate statistics to Statistics Canada.

Therefore I recommend:

1. THAT, the proposed amendment to Regulations and Procedures Manual (RPM) Section 26.01: *Property – General Procedures* be approved; and
2. THAT, this file be closed.



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