

LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Law Enforcement
Policy and Procedures

Subject: Overt Electronic Recording

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POLICY:

The Lawrence County Sheriff's Department will use overt electronic surveillance techniques and equipment whenever reasonably necessary to deter crime and provide a record of events that might be used as evidence in a criminal case.

DEFINITIONS:

Overt surveillance: Is the use of electronic or photographic equipment that is not hidden from general view, regardless of whether or not the suspect actually sees the monitoring device or knows of its existence.

PROCEDURES:

Use of Recording Equipment:

Officer may utilize during both routine and special investigation overt recording equipment when the recording equipment is generally in view or when there is no or low expectation of privacy.

In addition; one of the overt surveillance devices being a recording device mounted in the interview/interrogation room, will be used when any interviewing or interrogation is being performed in a felony investigation. Whenever an interview or interrogation is taking place by the investigating officer/investigator with a suspect in a felony case, this device will be recording audio and video of that interview/interrogation.