



## Abilene Police Department Operating Procedures

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*Identification Methods of Persons*

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### **Identification of Involved Parties**

Department officers should pursue every avenue to positively identify all persons involved in an investigation or detention (including traffic stops). Governmental forms of photo identification are the preferred method for positive identification and should be used when completing reports or call sheets when available. Officers should complete a records check via their MDC or by Dispatch to ensure the persons do not have an outstanding warrant and, in traffic stops, possess a valid driver's license.

If photo identification is not available, officers should seek to confirm a person's identity by interview questions and other investigative tools. Officers should also take a photo of the subject for future reference. Photos taken at the scene may be forwarded via email to a secure location.

Every effort should be made to positively identify persons claiming to have care, custody and control of an article, vehicle or premises so the proper person may be re-contacted should follow-up be required.