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iARMS

INTERVIEWS FOLLOWING FIREARMS RECOVERIES

Suspects, witnesses and developed persons
from database queries and traces



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SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

INTERPOL Firearms Programme

INTERPOL's Firearms Programme focuses on the interception, tracing and ballistic comparison of illicit firearms material as key components of the fight against terrorism through the preventive dismantling of firearms trafficking and violent criminal organizations across international borders. **To this end, quality data inputting into our databases as part of this Protocol for all crime guns recovered in your jurisdiction is of primary importance.**

Only then will INTERPOL's Firearms Programme fully benefit you through proper gathering, sharing, and analysis of both the firearm and ballistic-related intelligence, leading to further arrests and convictions of firearms traffickers. **We can work together to break the firearms supply to terrorist groups and violent individuals.**

1. **Conduct interviews with all suspects and witnesses in relation to the firearms recovery:**
 - Where did they get the firearm (specific location)?
 - From whom (provide description)? Do they have contact information of this person?
 - How much did you spend or trade?
 - Were other firearms available for sale?
 - Conducting queries of the firearms databases prior to this interview can provide useful intelligence when questioning the suspect.

2. **National database search reveals the firearm is registered domestically but not to the suspect**
 - Interview registered owner:
 - Where is this firearm?
 - Why is it not in their possession?
 - Did registered owner sell it or give it away?
 - To whom?
 - When did this happen?
 - If sold, how much money did they receive?
 - Have they sold other firearms to this or other persons?
 - How do the police find / contact the recipient of the firearm?
 - Does registered owner have any other firearms registered to them?
 - Where are those firearms?
 - Follow up with an interview of any other persons that may have knowledge of this firearm.

3. **National database search reveals the firearm is stolen:**
 - Make contact with the police that are owner of the record to ascertain any investigative leads, such as suspects or arrested persons:
 - Was anyone arrested or suspected for the theft? If yes:
 - Interview them concerning what they did with the firearm(s):
 - Sell it or give it to whom?
 - When did this happen?
 - If sold, how much money did they receive?
 - Have they sold other firearms to this or other persons?
 - How many firearms were stolen?
 - How do the police find / contact the recipient of the firearm?
 - Obtain any necessary police reports
 - This will help determine if other firearms were stolen during the same theft – these guns may also be in your area of responsibility
 - Obtain any necessary police reports
 - Follow up with an interview of any other persons that may have knowledge of this firearm

4. **National database searches reveal the firearm is not stolen or registered:**

- Search iARMS, SIS 2 or other available databases
 - If there is an existing record of theft in another country, ask that country's police personnel:
 - Was anyone arrested or suspected for the theft? If yes, request police to:
 - Interview suspect or arrested person(s) concerning what they did with the firearm(s):
 - ✓ Sell it or give it to whom?
 - ✓ When did this happen?
 - ✓ If sold, how much money did they receive?
 - ✓ Have they sold other firearms to this or other persons?
 - ✓ How do the police find / contact the recipient of the firearm?
 - Provide any necessary police reports
 - This will help determine if other firearms were stolen during the same theft – these guns may also be in your area of responsibility
 - Follow up with an interview of any other persons that may have knowledge of this firearm

5. **If all national and international database searches are negative, trace the firearm(s).**

- If the firearm is traced to a domestic purchaser:
 - Interview the purchaser
 - Where is this firearm?
 - Why is it not in their possession?
 - Why not report it stolen (if applicable)?
 - When did you last see it?
 - Did purchaser sell it or give it away?
 - To whom?
 - When did this happen?
 - If sold, how much money did they receive for the sale?
 - Have they sold other firearms to this or other persons?
 - How do the police find / contact the recipient of the firearm?
 - Does the purchaser have any other firearms registered to them?
 - Where are those firearms?
 - Follow up with an interview of any other persons that may have knowledge of this firearm
- If the firearm is traced to an international purchaser:
 - Request of that country's police personnel:
 - Interview the firearm purchaser:
 - Where is this firearm?
 - Why is it not in their possession?

- When did they last see the firearm?
- Did purchaser sell it or give it away?
 - ✓ To whom?
 - ✓ When did this happen?
 - ✓ If sold, how much money did they receive?
 - ✓ Have they sold other firearms to this or other persons?
 - ✓ How do the police find / contact the recipient of the firearm?
- Does the purchaser have any other firearms registered to them?
 - ✓ Where are those firearms?
- Follow up with an interview of any other persons that may have knowledge of this firearm



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