

IDAHO STATE POLICE PROCEDURE

06.11 PHOTOGRAPHIC LINEUP

I. General

In the course of an investigation, it may be necessary for a witness to identify a potential suspect from a photographic lineup. This procedure ensures standard and consistent presentation of suspect photo lineups.

II. Definitions

- A. "Administrator" means the officer presenting the photo lineup to the viewer(s).
- B. "Fillers" means photos of other people placed in the lineup who are not suspected of committing the crime or being investigated, that possess similar physical characteristics as the suspect.

III. Lineup Creation

- A. A total of six (6) photographs will be used: one (1) of the suspect and five (5) filler photographs.
- B. When possible, photographs should originate from a government collected and confirmed single source - e.g., driver's license photos or booking photos from a single agency. This ensures that the images used are of similar size, lighting and background.
- C. Jail markings or other information on the photographs must be removed.
- D. Each photograph shall have the case number and photo number visible on it.
- E. Photographs of individuals must be of the same race, hair and eye color as the suspect, and must be in an age range of five years (plus or minus) to the suspect.

IV. Lineup Presentation

- A. Whenever possible, the administrator will use a blind procedure in which s/he is not aware of whom the suspect is and cannot influence the witness's selection.
- B. Photographs should be viewed in a private area whenever possible.
- C. If more than one witness will view the lineup, the administrator:
 - 1. will ensure that the witness views copies of the lineup clear of any markings or indicators from other witnesses that may have viewed the lineup separately; and
 - 2. will prevent contact between witnesses, if possible, prior to completion of both viewings.

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- D. The administrator will deliver the Photographic Lineup Advisory (located on page 3 of this procedure) prior to presenting the photographs for review, and will obtain the witness's signature on the [EHF 06 11-01 Photographic Lineup Admonition](#). The form can be found at <https://intranet/library/home-3/form-repository/>.
- E. Photographs should be viewed in an order unknown to the administrator until after the review is complete.
- F. The administrator should not view the photographs as they are reviewed.
- G. The administrator should not do anything to influence identification of any photograph.
- H. Photographs should be reviewed individually with remaining photographs out of view.
- I. Witnesses may look at photographs twice. However,
 - 1. photographs should always be reviewed in the same order;
 - 2. the order of presentation and number of times the photos are reviewed must be recorded;
 - 3. when an exception requires a witness to view photographs more than twice the reason(s) should be documented in a report.
- J. Witnesses should review all photographs even if they identify a subject before seeing the entire set of six (6).
- K. The administrator will document in a report compliance with all of the Lineup Presentation points above (1-10), as well as any witness comments and expressed emotions that are observed.

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Photographic Lineup Advisory

I am about to show you a set of photos. A person who is the subject of the investigation or involved in the investigation may or may not be included.

I do not know the order of the photos.

Even if you identify someone during this process, I will continue to show you all photos in the series.

Keep in mind that a photo may be an old one. Some things, like hair color and styles or facial hair, can be changed, and skin colors may look lighter or darker in photographs.

Do not feel you have to make an identification. It is just as important to clear innocent persons as it is to identify the guilty. Whether or not you identify someone, the investigation will continue.

You will see only one photo at a time. They are not in any particular order. Take as much time as you need to look at each one. Do not discuss this process or the results with any other potential witness in the case.