

<b>SUBJECT:            CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE AND                              SOURCES OF INFORMATION</b>
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**CCRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE**

- A. Criminal intelligence activities serve important functions in effective law enforcement operations. Law enforcement strategies or investigative tactics can be developed in regards to crime trends, a specific crime, suspect, or criminal organization from the collection, processing, evaluation, analysis, and dissemination of criminal intelligence information. Valid intelligence information can increase the effectiveness of enforcement and deterrent efforts.
- B. Carefully implemented safeguards protect the character and reputation of innocent persons from non-valid criminal intelligence reports. The Bureau strives to ensure that information it collects and/or disseminations is limited to criminal conduct that presents an articulable threat. Detailed procedures describe the type or quality of information that may be included in the intelligence system and provide for purging of out-of-date information.

**CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- A. The development and utilization of confidential sources of information are essential in the fight against crime. Information from confidential sources often provides the investigative lead which solves a case and without which there could not be a prosecution.
- B. The Bureau receives information regarding criminal activities and suspects from individuals in all walks of life. The SBI carefully considers each source's motivation to provide information to determine the likelihood of such information being reliable. Procedures to avoid abuse and minimize adverse impact control the Bureau's collection and use of confidential information.
- C. Accountability procedures strictly limit the payment of monies to confidential sources of information.