



Pomona Police Department  
**DFTC TRAINING MEMORANDUM**

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**Date:** March 19, 2024  
**To:** Police Department  
**From:** Blake Jensen, Sergeant  
**Subject:** Grand Theft Auto Investigations

Please refer to the below training from the Pomona Police Department Detective Bureau. If you have any questions, please contact Detective Nguyen or Sgt. Jensen.

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## Detective Bureau

### Grand Theft Auto Investigations

#### INITIAL STOLEN VEHICLE REPORT:

As a reminder regarding stolen and embezzled vehicles, only use the following three offenses when taking the initial stolen vehicle report:

**10851(a) VC** – Drive or take the vehicle without any consent from the owner/victim.

**487(d)(1) PC** – Grand theft of vehicle - embezzled rental vehicles. The rental company can report the vehicle stolen five days after the contract has expired. The rental company shall attempt to contact the renter using the method designated in the rental contract. The attempts to contact the renter should be documented by certified mail, call logs, emails, etc.

**215(a) PC** – Carjacking - GTA by force/fear

These offenses are the only three that will initiate a GTA vehicle module in Central Square.

#### ARRESTS:

Use any of the initial three offenses that apply. If the arrestee was not driving, consider 496d(a) PC.

**496d(a) PC** – buys, sells, or possesses stolen vehicle, with reasonable knowledge vehicle is stolen.

- Ignition damage, altered keys, tools to turn on or enter vehicle.
- Missing catalytic converter, broken windows, etc.
- How long have they had the car? How much did they pay for it? Was the price reasonable? Etc.
- Priors for GTA, foot bails, pursuits, and statements also help solidify “Reasonable Knowledge.”

#### Other related GTA sections:

**10855 VC** – Embezzled vehicle defined, effective January 1, 2024. If a person who has rented a vehicle, willfully and intentionally fails to return the vehicle to its owner within five days after the rental agreement has expired, the person shall be presumed to have embezzled the vehicle.

**503 PC**— Embezzlement is not the appropriate charge as it does not require a vehicle.

When recovering a vehicle listed as embezzled and the driver is not the named suspect, **do not arrest** the driver if there is no reasonable knowledge they knew it was stolen.

For example, they are cooperative, they have the original keys, no ignition damage, and no other crimes were committed. Positively identify the driver, recover the vehicle, and complete a CHP 180 and 487(d)(1) PC report. List the driver as a subject, take statements, and explain the circumstances for release.

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