



## Greenbelt Police Department – General Order

	Title: <b>Search and Seizure of a Crime Scene</b>		Order #: <b>604</b>	
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- 01 POLICY:** It is the policy of the Greenbelt Police Department that all searches and seizures of private property will be conducted within well-defined, lawful and constitutional guidelines. As such, this policy will serve as a standard for all matters concerning search and seizure.
- 02 PROCEDURES:** At the scene of a crime, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled there is no exception to the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment for crime scene searches. However, in responding to a homicide or serious assault scene, officers may:
- A.** Make a warrantless entry where they reasonably believe a dead body or injured person will be found. A suspected dead body may still be alive and entry is justified under the Emergency Doctrine.
  - B.** Examine the body itself.
  - C.** Search the premise for other victims or suspects.
  - D.** Seize any evidence in plain view while inside the residence pursuant to any of the above permissible activities.