

# IDENTIFICATION LAW AND PROCEDURES

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# ID Parade difficulties

Finding available suitable volunteers

Volunteer attending as agreed

Volunteer attending in suitable condition

Suspect not attending

Appearance of suspect altered

Perception differences

Witness attendance difficulties

# Video Identification

1<sup>st</sup> April 2002: Code 'D' PACE allowed ID Parade or Video ID procedure to be the considered first choice formal method of formal ID procedure

1<sup>st</sup> August 2003: Code 'D' PACE places Video ID as first option in formal ID procedures

It is currently estimated that 98% of formal ID procedures in England and Wales are by way of Video ID

There are now in excess of 80,000 Video ID held per annum

# CODE “D” Para 3.12

- Whenever a suspect disputes an identification made or purported to have been made, an identification procedure shall be held if practicable.
- Unless it serves no useful purpose in proving or disproving whether the suspect was involved in committing the offence

Exceptions are :

- Witness states they would not recognise the offender
- Witness can only identify clothing – not face
- Recognition of offender by witness

# Code 'D' Annex 'A' para 2a

If a suspect has an unusual feature, steps may be taken to conceal or replicate that feature on all participants (electronically or by any other method)

If witness requests to view an image as 'originally' taken, the witness may be allowed to do so

# Code 'D' para 3.5

Moving images must be used in Video ID unless

- Suspect is known but not available
- Replication/concealment of physical feature cannot be achieved



# KNOWN SUSPECT NOT AVAILABLE

## Sect 3.21

- When a known suspect is not available or has ceased to be available, the ID Officer may make arrangements for a video ID procedure to be held
- 'available' means immediately available or within a reasonably short time

# BENEFITS OF VIDEO ID

- Victim friendly ('time to suit', home, hospital, abroad etc)
- Fairness
- Speed
- Cost
- Historic enquiries

# PROMAT

A STAND-ALONE 'SELF-SERVICE'

SYSTEM OPERATED WITHIN FORCE