

OTHER ASPECTS RELATIVE
TO PROCESSING MAIL

Separate Files for Each Case

It is conceivable that the same individual could have several files. For example, in 1967, John Smith could be the subject of a stolen car case (ITSMV - Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicles - 26 classification), in 1969 he could have been the subject of a bank robbery investigation (91) classification, and at a later time the subject of some other violation or perhaps even the subject of another stolen car case. In each situation separate files are created. The violations occurred at different time intervals and are all separate prosecutable items. This is the basis for the case filing system. These cases are not consolidated to create a dossier-type file. Each case is handled as a separate item and all matters pertaining to that particular case are channeled into that case file.

Dual Violations

On the other hand, if an individual steals a car (a violation of the ITSMV statute) and uses this vehicle in connection with a bank robbery, the investigation regarding this matter would then be channeled into one case file and the more serious violation would predominate.

For example, the case would be carried in the 91 (Bank Robbery) classification. This would be known as a dual violation case and all communications relating to this matter would identify the character of the case as a dual violation; that is, Bank Robbery - ITSMV. This situation can and often does apply to more than two violations at one time.

Security Matters

When an individual is the subject in a security investigation, we utilize the same file for all of his subversive activities. For example, if an individual was investigated as a member of the Communist Party in the 1940s, a 100 case file would have been opened. Five years later, after terminating his membership in the Communist Party, if we utilize him as a security informant, we would not open a 134 (Security Informant) file on him.