

**U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing**

Special Attention of:	Notice PIH 2003 –27 (HA)
Regional Directors;	
Public Housing Office Directors;	Issued: October 24, 2003
Public Housing Agencies (PHAs);	Expired: October 31, 2004
Section 8 PHAs/Owners;	
Hub and Program Center Directors;	
Resident Management Corporations	Cross Reference

Subject: Guidance to Public Housing Agencies on Providing Information to Law Enforcement on Possible Fleeing Felons

1. Purpose

This Notice provides guidance on the circumstances under which public housing agencies (PHAs) are required to disclose information they maintain on recipients of assistance to law enforcement authorities. The Notice also discusses what is required of the PHA and what is required of the law enforcement agency.

2. Applicability

This Notice applies to all HUD housing assistance programs in which a PHA may participate in or administer, including public housing, the Housing Choice Voucher program and the Moderate Rehabilitation program.

3. Background

This impetus for this Notice are the directives stated in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA), which amends Title I of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 by adding a new Section 27, now Section 28 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. Section 28 requires that PHAs provide, upon legitimate request from a law enforcement officer, the current address, Social Security number and photograph (if applicable) of any recipient of assistance who is a fugitive felon and/or a parole or probation violator.

4. Exchange of Information

PHAs are required to comply, on a case-by-case basis, with information requests from Federal, State or local law enforcement officers regarding possible fugitive felons and/or a parole or probation violators.

PHAs must supply upon legitimate request (1) the current address, (2) Social Security number and (3) photograph (if applicable) of any recipient of assistance.

