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**Police Headquarters**  
**Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram**  
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**Sub:-** Vehicle Accidents – Hit and Run Cases – Investigation -  
Instructions issued – Reg.

**Ref:-** 1. PHQ Circular No. 18/1998 dated 12.05.1998.  
2. PHQ Circular No. 28/1999 dated 06.12.1999.

It is noticed that hit and run cases of vehicle accidents are not being investigated properly. Hit and run cases, in which the victim dies and the accused driver and vehicle are not identified within 24 hours of the registration of the case, will fall into the category of grave crimes and will be investigated by the Circle Inspector of Police. Other hit and run cases will be investigated by Sub Inspector of Police.

The Highway Patrol vehicles should be alerted immediately on receipt of information relating to any hit and run case and they should act as a chain immediately for tracing the vehicle. All toll booths along the likely escape routes are also to be informed urgently to check vehicles on receipt of information regarding the occurrence of hit and run cases. Data stored in Surveillance Cameras and Speed Detection Cameras if any along the suspected exit routes may also be analysed to detect such cases effectively.

The investigation of all hit and run cases, whether grave or not, should be personally verified by the Sub Divisional Police Officers / Asst. Commissioners of Police, Traffic. The Sub Divisional Police Officers should actively participate in the investigation of such cases with a view to trace the vehicle as well as its driver. He will also ensure that instructions are given to the Investigating Officer in the GCR are fully complied with.

Apart from the above, the Investigating Officers of hit and run cases may collect earth samples from the spot of accidents and also the blood

sample of the victims. Tyre marks, scrape marks, paint marks etc found at the scene of accident should be recorded with all available details. Detailed examination of injuries sustained by the victims and a comprehensive deductive analysis on the type of the vehicle involved in the accident should also be carried out. The Investigating Officers should question the regular users of the route at the approximate time of the incident as the same may provide vital clues towards the detection of hit and run case. The staff of the fuel supply stations and repair workshops as well as staff of check posts on the route may also be questioned.

Personal scrutiny and written approval of the Superintendent of Police/Commissioner of Police will be required to refer a hit and run case.

Undetected hit and run cases should be reviewed regularly in the monthly Crime Review Meetings of the Superintendents of Police/Commissioners of Police.



**Director General of Police**

To

All Officers in list 'B' for necessary action

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