609.774 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS; KIDNAPPINGS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, "supervising peace officer" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter 626, who has probable cause to believe that a person is being unlawfully confined, and who has lawful jurisdiction in the geographical area where the violation is believed to be occurring.

Subd. 2. **Authority.** A supervising peace officer may order a telephone company to cut, reroute, or divert telephone lines for the purpose of establishing and controlling communications with a violator.

Subd. 3. **Designation.** Each telephone company shall designate an employee to serve as a security official and to provide assistance as required by the supervising peace officer to carry out the purposes of this section.

Subd. 4. **Unauthorized communication prohibited.** Whoever initiates telephone communications with a violator with knowledge of an order issued pursuant to subdivision 2 and without prior police authorization, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 5. **Defense.** Good faith reliance by telephone employees on an order issued pursuant to subdivision 2 shall constitute a complete defense to any legal action brought for an interruption of telephone communications occurring by reason of this section.

History: *1979 c 63 s 1; 1979 c 289 s 2*