4-08/010.00 Court Ordered Pre-Conviction AIDS Testing

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP), shall conduct AIDS testing of pre-convicted inmates involving sex crimes as per California Penal Code Section 1524.1. As such, the Sheriff's Department shall be responsible for facilitating the scheduling of AIDS testing by the OAPP. Due to statutory requirements, Correctional Health Services (CHS) personnel shall not conduct pre-conviction AIDS testing.

Correctional Health Services - Court Order Unit

OAPP shall fax the Court Order Unit [REDACTED TEXT] a copy of the court order stating the name of the inmate requiring AIDS testing. The Court Order Unit shall then be responsible for locating the current housing facility of the inmate and faxing it to the legal unit at the facility where the inmate is housed. In cases where a facility does not have a legal unit, the Operations Lieutenant shall be responsible for the duties required by the legal unit.

Legal Unit's Responsibilities

Within one working day, the Legal Unit staff at the inmate's housing facility shall make contact with the OAPP staff member responsible for sending the court order. The Legal Unit staff shall then schedule an appointment time with the OAPP staff member whereas OAPP staff can arrive and conduct the required AIDS testing. The AIDS testing shall be conducted as soon as convenient for OAPP. Legal Unit staff shall ensure the inmate does not have a court date on the scheduled appointment time.

Once scheduled, Legal Unit staff shall be responsible for confirming the appointment time with OAPP and send a pass to the inmate for the clinic area. Additionally, Legal Unit staff shall notify the medical supervisor at the facility clinic that OAPP will be conducting an AIDS test at the scheduled time. If the inmate changes housing locations, OAPP staff shall be notified as soon as practical to ensure rescheduling of the AIDS test.

Facility Responsibilities

OAPP staff are County of Los Angeles employees that have been previously cleared to enter jail facilities for the purposes of conducting AIDS testing. They shall be considered non-escort personnel that have completed facility orientation. As such, facility security personnel shall help facilitate access by OAPP staff to the clinic area on the date that the AIDS test is scheduled.