3-11/010.00 - Juvenile Inmate Movement

During the movement of juvenile inmates Sheriff Personnel need to be aware of their surroundings and the public. In many courts, there are no secure routes to a courtroom from the lockup, inmates must be moved through public areas, sometimes moving outside the building; therefore such movements make Sheriff's personnel vulnerable to attack and potential escapes. Sufficient deputies shall be used to protect the public and prevent the escape of all inmates.

Guidelines for the movement of juvenile inmates:

- Deputies transporting inmates shall not wear firearms in the secure area or juvenile secured areas.
- Inmates transported to courtrooms or holding areas through semi-secure or public areas shall be handcuffed, even if sufficient backup is available. Sufficient backup is defined as visual contact or within 'earshot'.

Note: Transporting inmates through public areas deputies shall be armed.

- When transporting a female inmate, in an area that is not monitored by security cameras, a female deputy/CA should escort the inmate to/from court. If a female deputy/CA is not available, no less than two male deputies or CAs shall be utilized.
- Inmates being moved by elevator shall be escorted by a deputy, unless it is the branch's individual policy to monitor inmate movement by video camera. All inmates should face the rear of the elevator and shall be handcuffed.
- Once the juvenile is seated for court proceedings, handcuffs should be removed from juvenile inmates, unless there are articulable facts as to why they should remain in handcuffs for the safety of all involved.
- Handcuffed inmates should not be taken into court when the jury is present. Where security conditions permit, the handcuffs should be removed outside the presence of the jury. If a strong security risk exists, inform the judge prior to bringing a handcuffed inmate into court.

Refer to CSDM, 2-06/030.00 - Inmate Movement, for complete guidelines to be followed during inmate movement. Check with your branch supervisor for any branch specific inmate movement procedures.