3-12/020.00 - Child Visitation with In-Custody Parents

A visitation with in-custody parents, at a dependency court, is for minor children only. Relatives, of the minor, are not permitted to visit with in-custody individuals. Minors may have a face to face visit, in the lockup area only, if ordered by the judge, at the request of the DCS staff. Visitation passes are issued by DCS. If the judge requests that the bailiff allow physical contact, explain that it is not permitted by Sheriff's Department policy due to the hazards of contraband being passed to the in-custody parent or the possibility of physical harm to the minor. If the minor is not in shelter care, every attempt should be made to ensure that the monitor of the visit is not related to the inmate. An attorney, social worker or shelter care staff members are the only monitors allowed.