3-14/015.20 - State Prisoners

Requests to remove state prisoners from state prison system, to assist with investigations, causes a significant risk of liability for the Department. Should a state prisoner be removed from the state prison system and returned to county jail for investigation purposes only, no removal order will be accepted to move a state prisoner to a court facility solely for the purposes of an interview or interrogation.

Should a state prisoner be removed for the purposes of being a witness on a particular case, the prisoner shall be transported using special transportation. Extreme caution must be taken when handling those who have been committed to state prison terms. All state prisoners shall be handled as a potential escape risk. If they are to be used as a witness for the defense in a jury trial, a court order will be needed to supply them with civilian clothes.