5-10/055.00 Inmate Interview Procedures for Law Enforcement

Law enforcement investigators **(not assigned to LASD Custody Operations)** requesting to interview an inmate housed in any Los Angeles County Jail facility shall make arrangements through the facility's watch commander, or their designee.

Law enforcement investigators are required to present their agency identification for examination, schedule their visit in the Inmate Video Visitation System (IVVS), and to obtain the watch commander approval for entry into the secured area of the facility. Refer to Custody Division Manual (CDM) section 5-10/010.05, "Inmate Video Visitation System" and CDM section 3-10/015.00, "Custody Division Entry and Exit Procedures." Failure to comply with any of these requirements will result in denial of the interview. Absent a court order, inmates shall not be transported to another facility to be interviewed.

Once approved, the interviews shall occur in the area(s) designated by the facility watch commander, or their designee. Absent a court order, inmates shall not be transported to another facility to be interviewed.

Investigators include but are not limited to:

- Any deputy sheriff personnel (not assigned to custody)
- Outside law enforcement officers
- District attorneys or district attorney investigators
- Federal or state law enforcement officers

Confidential Interviews

When a law enforcement investigator has the need to confidentially interview a person in our custody, CDM section 3-10/015.00, "Custody Division Entry and Exit Procedures" shall apply.

Investigators shall advise the facility watch commander in person of their need to conduct a confidential interview and obtain approval for any electronic devices being brought into the secured area of the facility. Once advised, the watch commander shall ensure the appropriate personnel are notified and what electronic devices are allowed to be used during the interview in accordance to CDM section 3-01/090.05, "Wireless Communication Devices." Sheriff's Department investigator's shall document their case file listing the date, time, facility and name of the watch commander who approved the electronic devices. The inmate shall be returned to their housing location once the interview is complete.

Unit Orders

Each facility shall develop and implement a unit order which allows law enforcement investigators reasonable access to interview inmates. If the investigator is unsure where the inmate is housed, the investigator shall contact the IVVS Support Group by emailing [REDACTED TEXT] or by calling [REDACTED TEXT].