5-14/060.00 Use of Interpreter

All facilities shall attempt to make the services of an appropriate bilingual officer available to non-English speaking inmates.

The bilingual officer shall explain jail rules and regulations and answer specific questions to ensure clear communications.

In the event an appropriate bilingual officer is not available, another inmate with knowledge of the desired language may be utilized. This inmate will translate jail rules and assist as needed in the clarification of jail procedures.

Custody Division personnel shall not interpret, act as an interpreter, or use sign language between an inmate and any other person regarding legal matters. This includes, but is not limited to, his attorney, investigator, legal runner, witness, visitor, etc.