

## **6-03/050.00 Alternative Booking Procedures for Suspects Under the Influence of Narcotics and other Drug Related Charges**

To assist patrol personnel in handling extreme cases of intoxication, arrangements have been made with Custody Services Division for direct bookings at the LAC+USC Medical Center. These procedures shall apply regardless of the charges the arrestee is booked under. The decision to book these arrestees directly into LAC+USC Medical Center shall be carefully weighed by arresting deputies, and, whenever possible, the concurrence of a field or station supervisor shall be obtained. The arrestee's level of need for medical attention shall be considered before transporting to LAC+USC Medical Center. The option of booking arrestees who are under the influence of various narcotics and other drugs directly into LAC+USC Medical Center shall only be exercised when the following circumstances exist:

- The arrestees actions consist of outbursts or constant wild, frenzied, unruly, or violent behavior or a state of withdrawal which may be consistent with very quiet behavior or bending over as if about to collapse;
  - The arrestee represents a danger to himself/herself and others and requires direct and immediate medical attention;
  - It is unlikely that the arrestee can be safely booked and controlled at the station;
  - The arrestee has serious injuries. Paramedics shall be requested and the inmate shall be taken to the nearest hospital.
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