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.