

2-05/035.30 Juvenile Handling Procedures

Notification to parents of injured juveniles in custody and court

Pursuant to Section 223 (a)(1) of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, a Deputy having custody or control of any juvenile inmate that is the victim of a serious offense or injury shall notify the on-duty watch commander of the incident, after the inmate has received the appropriate medical care.

NOTE: The law defines a “serious offense” as any offense that is chargeable as a felony and involves violence against another person. A “serious injury” is defined as any injury or illness that requires hospitalization, is potentially life-threatening, or may permanently impair the use of a major body organ, appendage, or limb.

The watch commander shall then contact the Probation Department at (323) 226-8509 (24-hour number), with the juvenile’s name and date of birth. The Probation Department shall locate and provide the name and contact information of the juvenile’s parents or guardians from their records.

The watch commander shall then make a reasonable effort to contact the parents and inform them of the juvenile’s status, unless the juvenile requests that his/her parents not be notified or the Chief Probation Officer/Director of the Youth Authority determines such notification would not be in the best interest of the minor, 223 (a) (1) WIC. A notation shall be made in the Uniform Daily Activity (UDAL)/Title 15 Log that the notification was made, or the reasons why it was not.
