2-06/025.00 Suicide Prevention

Inmates with known suicidal tendencies are usually identified by a blue wristband and the special handling code of "**S**." New bookings, LAPD inmates, and station bookings with suicidal tendencies shall be identified through written and verbal communications from jailers or court personnel. Inmates with known suicidal tendencies should not be placed in a holding cell alone, unless absolutely necessary. Inmates should be housed where they can be readily observed. If it is necessary to house them alone, they should be visually observed as often as possible and checked at least once every fifteen (15) minutes. When housed alone, inmate's shoes and belt shall be removed and left outside the cell.

If the lockup facility has a secure, single-person interview area that has unobstructed observation from the control booth, the suicidal inmate can be housed in that area for short periods.

If personnel suspects that an inmate may have suicidal tendencies and is remanded by a court, personnel shall notify the branch supervisor and complete a Behavioral Observation and Mental Health Referral Form (BOMHR), (SH-L-407), sections 1 through 6, including the circumstances narrative section on the reverse side. The original BOMHR shall have a Court Services Division reference number and shall be attached to the inmate's transmittal. A copy of the original form shall be retained at the originating court. An email shall also be sent to the following expedite groups: "IRC Inmate Expedites" for male inmates and "CRDF (Female) Expedite" for inmates. The email notifications shall include an attachment of the BOMHR (SH-L-407). In cases of inmate's who are suicidal or who attempt of suicide, court personnel shall complete a Special Handling Request Form (SH-J-181), that shall accompany the inmate. A blue wristband with code "S" (Suicidal) shall be placed on the inmate. Court personnel shall conduct safety cell checks every fifteen (15) minutes or more frequently by using the Title 15 suicide cell inspection record. Cells that are being used as a temporary holding cell (attorney interview cells), regardless of having a constant visual of any inmate, shall have a cell check form posted and completed when occupied.

The branch supervisor shall ensure that the "**S**" Suicide Notification Form (CSDNet – Forms - "**S**" Suicide Notification) is signed and all telephonic notifications to the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) Watch Commander or Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) for females are made. Court personnel shall inform the appropriate watch commander of the inmate's mental state and immediate need for care by the Department of Mental Health (DMH). Secondly, Court Services Transportation (CST) Watch Commander shall be notified to inform them of the inmate's mental state, while in transport to IRC or CRDF as well as a telephonic notification to the inmate's housing facility watch commander to inform them of the inmate's transfer for treatment and observation to IRC/CRDF. Keep original copy of "**S**" Suicide Notification Form and attach a copy to the transmittal.

Refer to CCR, Title 15, 1219 - Suicide Prevention Program