7-03/040.00 Death Sentenced Inmates/High Risk Convictions

The following addresses the increased risk associated with the handling of inmates convicted of "third strike" offenses as well as other high risk inmates.

Upon receipt of information that an inmate falls within one or more of the below listed categories, the inmate shall be considered an **extreme escape risk** and shall be transported accordingly.

1. All inmates convicted of murder
2. All inmates convicted on a "Third Strikes" case
3. Any inmate who should be, in the opinion of the court bailiff or the Court Lockup Deputy, considered an escape risk

The inmate shall be transported in waist chains on all occasions. Additional restraints may be used when the situation calls for tighter security. Each situation shall be evaluated and proper security measures taken. An Inmate Special Handling Request card shall be prepared by the Court Lockup Deputy for such individuals and a copy is to be delivered to the Transportation Bureau Watch Commander and the original to the Men's Central Jail Inmate Reception Center/Sybil Brand Institute Reception Center Watch Commander. Special care should be taken by the Court Lockup Deputy to ensure the transporting Deputies are apprised of the new special handling paperwork prior to their departure from the court lockup.

Upon receipt of information that a death sentence is going to be formally imposed, the Court Lockup Deputy shall notify the Transportation Bureau Statewide Detail Sergeant, giving him advance notification. Prior to leaving the court, the transporting Deputy is to verify that this has been done.

Once the formal death sentence has been announced, the court will issue a commitment to San Quentin State Prison. This commitment must be immediately transported to the Statewide Detail Sergeant. If it is received after 1500 hours, the commitment is to be placed on the Statewide Detail Sergeant's desk.

Under no circumstances is this process to be circumvented. The Statewide Detail has only ten (10) calendar days to complete all paperwork, processing and transporting of the prisoner to San Quentin Prison.

Note that there must be two notifications to Statewide Detail:

1. When there is information that the death sentence is going to be imposed
2. When the formal death sentence has been announced.