

LCS Unit Order 50

LANCASTER STATION

UNIT ORDER # 50

ANKLE CHAINS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this unit order is to establish safety and control of suspects between the station jail and hospital facilities.

ORDER:

All violent/hostile prisoners, or prisoners suspected of feigning an injury or illness for the purpose of a possible escape, who are being transported from Lancaster Station to a hospital facility shall be ankle chained when practical. Deputy personnel making the transport shall use the ankle / leg chains assigned to the jail.

Any deputy who arrests or transports any suspect and/or patient, in the field who displays hostility or violence toward department personnel, shall apply and use ankle leg chains on the suspect and/or patient prior to transport to a hospital facility.

Any suspect who displays intent to damage the inside of a radio car (i.e. windows, etc.) should be restrained with a Ripp Hobble device by attaching the hobble to the ankle chain. A "hobbled" person may be transported via radio car. They shall be seated upright in the rear seat of the radio car and secured by a seat belt. The long lead of the Ripp Hobble will be placed outside of the rear door. The rear door shall be closed and the long lead will then be placed in the adjacent front door of the radio car, leaving the lead's clip end on the front floorboard. The front door can then be closed, thus preventing the long lead from becoming entangled in the rear tire of the radio car.

Use of Force Reporting and Review Procedures:

The application of the Ripp Hobble device on an unresisting person, absent any other factors which constitute reportable force, shall not constitute reportable force. Refer to section [3-10/100.00](#) of the Departments manual of policy and procedures.

Ankle / leg chains shall be supplied by field supervisors (Unit 110S or Unit 113S). Unit 110S will have two chains, and Unit 113S will have one chain assigned to his/her vehicle for use. The Lancaster Station jail shall also have three ankle chains on hand at any given time.
