

20-04 - Pretrial Risk Evaluation Program (PREP)

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

NEWSLETTER

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PRETRIAL RISK EVALUATION PROGRAM (PREP)

On March 23, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles (Court) will be implementing a new Pretrial Risk Evaluation Program (PREP) for all new arrests in Los Angeles County.

PREP is a two-step program as outlined below:

1. All new eligible arrestees throughout Los Angeles County will be evaluated for pre-arraignment release by a Duty Magistrate Judge approximately four hours after booking. Those arrested with serious and violent charges or who have prearrestment release exclusions are not eligible, including defendants detained for other reasons such as probation violations. This four-hour delay from booking will allow law enforcement to determine whether to cite and release the arrestee or to seek a bail enhancement.
2. Arrestees who are not cited and released by law enforcement or released prearrestment by a judge and who are scheduled for arraignment in the Clara Shortridge-Foltz Criminal Justice Center Courthouse at 210 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, will be interviewed by the Probation Department for pretrial release with possible terms and conditions as ordered by the arraignment judge.

PREP Implementation Date

The implementation date for PREP is March 23, 2020. All new bookings will be processed following the two-step process outlined above beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020.

Requests for Bail Enhancement

To ensure law enforcement can seek a bail enhancement within the four-hour period after booking, Pretrial Services will be available 24/7. Please contact Pretrial Services at 213-351-0373 as soon as possible after booking so the request can be relayed to a Duty Magistrate Judge as quickly as possible. If you are not able to reach Pretrial Services, contact the Probation Pre-release Center at 626-308-5105 and present the information to the Duty Probation Officer who will coordinate the request with Pretrial services. If the bail enhancement is approved, the arrestee will not be processed as part of Step One through PREP.

New Form Required at Time of Release

The Court has developed a court hearing reminder system that will send text and/or email reminders to defendants of all upcoming court dates. To gather the defendants' contact information, the court would like the booking agent to complete a Contact Information Form provided by the court at the time of release (available on e-forms). The form needs to be forwarded to the prosecutor with all other charging and booking documents and information. The prosecutor will forward the form to the Court if/when a complaint is filed at which time the defendants' contact information will be entered into the new hearing reminder system by Court staff. Over the next few months, new fields will be created in the Automated Justice System (AJIS), which will allow departments to enter the arrestee's contact information directly into the RL13 AJIS screen as part of the release process. Until this new automated process is available, the Court requests your assistance by using this form, effective immediately.

Attachments

Pretrial Risk Evaluation Program Contact Information LASC CRIM 293

References

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

If you have any questions, please call or email Field Operations Support Services at (323) 890-5411 or foss@lasd.org.
