5-04-030 Handling of Suicidal Inmates

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to outline procedures for handling suicidal inmates.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) North Facility.

ORDER:

Personnel who identify an inmate either through observation, information received from another person, who expresses suicidal ideation by word or action, or exhibits unusual behavior which could result in a suicide, attempt suicide, or self-injurious behavior, shall take the following actions:

- Transfer the inmate to the visiting area of the module to maintain direct observation of the inmate at all times
- Complete a Behavioral Observation and Mental Health Referral Form (SH-J-407)
- Coordinate with the watch deputy to ensure transportation of the inmate to the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) within four hours to be evaluated by mental health personnel

Prior to the inmate being transferred to IRC for mental evaluation, personnel shall complete an Inmate Special Handling Request (SH-J-181).