

## **Unit Order 82 - Recalcitrant Prisoners**

### **PURPOSE:**

To properly handle and document uncooperative or recalcitrant prisoners.

### **ORDER:**

All personnel shall ensure any inmate who is uncooperative, combative or has a history of making false allegations, who must be moved within the station, shall be escorted by no less than two Department members and a supervisor. The movement shall be video recorded. The Watch Commander shall also be notified and be present prior to the inmate being moved to another location.

If an inmate is challenging, exhibiting uncooperative behavior, and does not need to be moved, he/she shall remain in their cell until they have an opportunity to detox. Department personnel still have the duty to inform a supervisor in regards to the inmate's conduct.

### **JAILER RESPONSIBILITIES**

A Jailer who recognizes an uncooperative, combative, or recalcitrant inmate shall immediately notify the Watch Sergeant.

### **DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The patrol deputy who transports a recalcitrant prisoner to West Hollywood Station shall immediately notify the Watch Commander. If an arrest is made of a potentially violent suspect, the deputy should contact the field sergeant who can assess the behavior of the suspect.

### **SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Field supervisors have a responsibility to monitor calls for service which may have the propensity for violent behavior. The Watch Sergeant shall be vigilant and monitor suspects who are booked into the West Hollywood Station Jail. This includes monitoring an inmate's behavior during required jail checks.

If an uncooperative prisoner is booked into the station jail, it is recommended to leave the prisoner handcuffed, exit the cell, and have the prisoner place their hands through the cell door portal for un-handcuffing. This may prevent an un-handcuffed prisoner from challenging personnel inside the cell. If the suspect is too intoxicated or un-steady, lying the inmate down on a cell mattress prior to un-handcuffing is another option.

Additionally, Field Supervisors and/or Watch Sergeants shall respond with a video camera prior to moving an uncooperative prisoner. The video operator shall state the date, time, their name, rank, employee number, location, and provide factual narration during the contact/movement, within the station jail.

Generally, once a video recording has begun, it should not be paused or stopped until the entire incident has been completed, or when the prisoner has been stabilized, in order to establish a timeline for the incident.

The Inmate Movement Section of the Department Station Jail Manual dictates how inmate movement is to be accomplished. Also reference Custody Division Manual Section 7-02/020.00 Handling Insubordinate, Recalcitrant, Hostile, or Aggressive Inmates.

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