

5-02/020.00 Alleged Juvenile Inmates

When an inmate is booked as an adult, then alleges to be a juvenile, they shall be referred to as an inmate of undetermined age. The watch commander of the facility where the inmate is housed shall ensure the inmate is classified as a [REDACTED TEXT]– Temporary Classification inmate, and complete the Inmate of Undetermined Age Report.

If the inmate of undetermined age has not made their initial court appearance and does not have a remand holding them in custody, the watch commander has the discretion to contact the arresting agency and advise them that they must take back custody of the inmate until their age has been determined.

The watch commander of the facility where the inmate is housed shall immediately contact the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) watch commander and the IRC Records watch deputy to ensure the inmate of undetermined age is ordered to court the following day for certification.

All inmates of undetermined age shall be segregated from other inmates and they shall be housed in Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF)[REDACTED TEXT] (Century Regional Detention Facility [CRDF] for females) until their age is determined.

The IRC watch commander shall ensure the following:

- The Centralized Housing Unit (CHU) shall be advised that the inmate is of undetermined age and classified as a [REDACTED TEXT]– Temporary Classification inmate with a [REDACTED TEXT];
- An investigation shall be conducted under the supervision of the IRC watch commander to establish the age of the inmate. The investigation shall be completed within six hours of notification;
- If it is determined the inmate is a juvenile, the IRC watch commander shall contact the Los Angeles County Probation Department to arrange the transfer of the juvenile to their custody and contact the court of jurisdiction to advise them of the results of the investigation;
- If the watch commander's investigation is unable to verify the inmate of undetermined age's birth date, the inmate shall continue to be housed in TTCF or CRDF [REDACTED TEXT];
- The IRC Records watch deputy shall ensure the inmate is scheduled to appear at the court of jurisdiction on the next court day to determine the inmate of undetermined age's birth date;
- Court Services Transportation (CST) deputies shall transport the inmate to the Court Services Division (CSD) [REDACTED TEXT] and provide CSD personnel with a copy of the Inmate of Undetermined Age Report and supporting documents, which they shall obtain from the Court Box located at IRC Records;
- If the judge determines the inmate is a juvenile, CSD personnel shall arrange for the Los Angeles County Probation Department to transfer the subject to the appropriate juvenile facility;
- If the judge determines the inmate is an adult, CSD personnel shall arrange for the subject's transportation to IRC on the next CST bus.