

5-22-010 Emergency Suspension of Minimum Jail Standards or Requirements



PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for Men's Central Jail (MCJ) regarding the temporary lock down of cell(s), row(s), and module(s).

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all personnel assigned to and/or working at MCJ.

ORDER:

In accordance with Custody Division Manual (CDM) section 3-14/060.00, "Emergency Suspension of Minimum Jail Standards or Requirements," the watch commander may temporarily suspend for up to three (3) days, any standard, requirement, or procedure imposed by the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Minimum Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, in the event of any emergency which threatens the safety of a Custody Division facility, any of its inmates, staff, or the public.

Custody personnel are prohibited from issuing mass discipline to inmates; however, should it become necessary to confine inmates to their bunks or within their cells because of an emergency, a temporary suspension of privileges shall be permitted.

This suspension of inmate privileges shall occur in their current housing area in an attempt to reduce the possibility of any potential coordinated plans of disruption within any common area of the facility (i.e., mess hall, roof, etc).

Behavior which may qualify for a temporary suspension of privileges includes, but is not limited to, group disobedience of jail rules or other confrontational activity which could threaten the safety of staff or other inmates.

Individual jail rule violators shall be the subject of standard disciplinary procedures.

Temporary suspension of privileges may include, but are not limited to, access to television, telephones, and/or commissary. Removal from work detail without loss of work-time credit may also be imposed. All privileges lost shall be at the floor supervisor's discretion.

All movement, with the exception of emergency and medical reasons, shall be stopped.

Sergeant Responsibilities

The floor sergeant shall conduct a thorough investigation into the incident to justify the temporary suspension of privileges for all inmates involved and determine whether the specific housing area is currently under a previously issued lock down order and when that order will expire. The sergeant shall obtain approval from the watch commander prior to implementing a temporary suspension of privileges.

Watch Commander Responsibilities

The temporary suspension of privileges shall be documented and logged by the watch commander, or their designee at the minimum rank of sergeant, in the CARTS module titled "Custody Lockdown Notification Form," in addition to the Watch Commander's Log and the Custody Division operational log. An immediate

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notification shall be made to the Division Chief via written memorandum. Suspensions lasting more than three (3) days require notification to the Board of Corrections. Suspensions may not continue longer than fifteen (15) days without the approval of the chairperson of the board of Corrections.



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