

2023 Directives

- **23-001 Prohibition of Disciplinary Diet**

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

CUSTODY OPERATIONS

Custody Support Services



Custody Directive: 23-001

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PROHIBITION OF DISCIPLINARY DIET

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Custody Operations Directive is to inform Custody Services Division personnel of changes in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 15, that prohibit the use of disciplinary diets within custody facilities.

ORDER

On January 1, 2023, the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) adopted changes to Title 15 that effectively prohibits the use of disciplinary diets in custody facilities (rescission of section 1247 – Disciplinary Separation Diet, and revisions to sections 1082 – Forms of Discipline and 1106 – Disciplinary Procedures).

In accordance with these changes to the law, the use of disciplinary diets within Custody Services Division facilities is prohibited, effective immediately. All inmates, including those in disciplinary housing, shall receive all required meals in accordance with Title 15 sections 1240 – Frequency of Serving and 1241 – Minimum Diet.

This directive shall remain in effect pending the revision of related Custody Division Manual sections and shall supersede any existing invalid sections or orders.

Questions regarding this directive should be directed to Custody Support Services Bureau[REDACTED TEXT].

- **23-002 Video Review and Advisement**

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

CUSTODY OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE

Custody Support Services



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VIDEO REVIEW AND ADVISEMENT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Custody Operations Directive is to codify the force related video review procedures established in Rosas provisions 15.5 and 15.6.

ORDER

Prior to viewing any video recording of a force incident, Department members shall prepare and submit all necessary written reports to the handling sergeant. After the sergeant has reviewed the first reports and any separate supplemental reports of the force incident and concluded that there is no such evidence of apparent misconduct or a failure to make proper notifications, involved Department members shall be provided the opportunity to review the recorded incident for the purposes of refreshing their memory. Once the video recording has been reviewed, personnel will have the opportunity to acknowledge in their report that they observed the video and that it either refreshed their memory, adding any corrective language, or that the original written statements were accurate.

Because Department personnel are required to provide a written account of their actions prior to viewing video recordings, the Department will not assume an adverse inference when personnel amend or supplement their reports if a video review prompts further recollection of incident details. Whether an adverse inference should be drawn from an amendment or supplement will depend upon the facts and circumstances in each case.

Any review of a recording by a Department member shall be documented in their reports and should not be undertaken in the presence of another Department member who was either involved in, or a witness to, the force incident. Should the review enable a Department member to provide greater clarity to any incident based upon additional recollection or perception of specific actions, the member shall either amend their initial report, or prepare a separate supplemental report. Any additional information should be added with transitional language such as, "After reviewing video of the incident, additional details are noted as follows..."

Prior to reviewing any video recording, Department members shall read the following advisement, as established in Manual of Policies and Procedures section 3-10/115.00, "Video Review and Advisement":

VIDEO ADVISEMENT

You are about to view a video recording. It is important to understand that while this recording depicts visual information from the scene, the human eye and brain could perceive some things in stressful situations differently than a camera records them, so this photographic record may not reflect how the involved personnel actually perceived the event.

The recording may depict things that personnel did not see or hear. Personnel may have seen or heard things that were not recorded by the camera. Depending on the speed of the camera, some action elements may not have been recorded or may have happened faster than personnel could perceive and absorb them. The camera has captured a 2-dimensional image, which may be different from a person's 3-dimensional observations. Lighting and angles may also have contributed to different perceptions.

This recording is being shown in order to facilitate recollection of the incident. Video images are only one piece of evidence to be considered in reconstructing and evaluating the totality of the circumstances. Some elements may require further exploration and explanation before the investigation is concluded.

ADDITIONAL ADVISEMENT TO PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN RECORDED INCIDENT:

If the video appears to show some details of the incident differently from what you recall, you should note those differences in your report.

This directive shall remain in effect until a revision to the Custody Division Manual delineating these procedures is formally approved and distributed to Custody Services Division personnel.

Questions regarding this directive should be directed to Custody Support Services Bureau [REDACTED TEXT].

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- **23-003 Custody Force Investigations Team**

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

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CUSTODY DIRECTIVE: 23-003
DATE: 12/14/23

ISSUED FOR: CUSTODY OPERATIONS

CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATIONS TEAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Custody Operations Directive is to establish procedures for the completion of designated Use of Force Investigations following incidents that occur in Custody Division facilities.

ORDER

The Custody Force Investigations Team is comprised of sergeants designated to complete the Use of Force Investigations for the following incidents:

- Any incidents requested by executive staff to be investigated by the Custody Force Investigations Team
- All Category 2 Use of Force incidents including, but not limited to:
 - Any head strikes
 - Any use of personal weapons
 - Taser applications
 - Major and minor inmate disturbances
 - Inmates struck by special weapons (i.e. pepperball, FN-303, Arwen)
 - Significant injury to an inmate as a result of force
- Any use of O.C. spray on a restrained inmate
- Significant injury to staff (regardless of category)
- Force on a pregnant inmate (regardless of category)

Responsibilities of the Initiating Facility

The initiating facility will be responsible for completing the following within 24 hours of the use of force incident:

- Drawing the uniform reporting number (URN), reference number, and the Electronic Line Operations Tracking System (e-LOTS) data entry
- Authoring and disseminating the Incident Alert
- Collecting, correcting, and approving the following:
 - Incident Report (SH-R-49)
 - Use of Force Memorandum (if no SH-R-49 was submitted)
 - Supplemental Report
 - Use of Force Medical Report (SH-J-212F)
 - WRAP Restraint Security Check Log (SH-J-480), if applicable
 - Inmate Safety Chair Security Check Log (SH-R-637), if applicable
 - Watch Commander's Inmate Extraction Checklist (SH-J-456), if applicable
- Completing the first four pages of the Supervisor's Report on Use of Force (SH-R-438P)

- Downloading the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and handheld recordings of the incident
- Photographing injuries of all involved parties
- Conducting the Watch Commander's Post Force interview
- Conducting witness interviews
- Providing a signed copy of the in-service roster
- Providing the inmate inventory by permanent housing location (purge)

Responsibilities of the Custody Force Investigations Team

The Custody Force Investigations Team will be responsible for the following:

- Completing the Supervisor's Report on Use of Force (SH-R-438S)
- Coordinating with the initiating facility for corrections or video admonishments as needed
- Submitting the Use of Force Package to the watch commander for review
- Attending the weekly Chief's Force Review meetings
- Attending Complex Case Committee meetings

Questions regarding this directive should be directed to Custody Operations Administration, Lieutenant [REDACTED TEXT] Gonzalez, at [REDACTED TEXT].
