5-03-030 Law Enforcement Interviews- Approved by CSS Policy Review 4/25/2023

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for law enforcement interviews at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF).

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to, and/or working in any capacity at CRDF.

ORDER:

Law enforcement investigators (not assigned to LASD Custody Operations) requesting to interview an inmate housed at CRDF shall make arrangements through the on duty watch commander or their designee.

Century Booking Interviews

After booking, prisoners may be interviewed by law enforcement personnel, district attorneys, district investigators, federal, and/or state law enforcement officers. Interviews shall be coordinated by the booking counter deputy and shall take place in the booking area interview rooms. Law enforcement officers shall enter through the booking center exterior entrance and shall wear visible agency identification. During normal visiting hours, booking personnel shall direct law enforcement officers to the visiting area to be processed. Visiting personnel shall record the visit in the Inmate Video Visitation System (IVVS). For interview request during non-visiting hours, the investigator shall seek approval from the on-duty watch commander.

Sheriff's Department detectives may remove Type I prisoners from the booking center and escort them to the Century Station interview rooms with the approval of the on-duty watch commander. The booking sergeant or supervising line deputy is responsible for verifying the identity of law enforcement personnel and maintaining a log of prisoners removed from and returned to the booking center.

Type II Inmate Interviews (housed at CRDF)

Law enforcement investigators may interview an inmate inside the secured area of the facility, in booking, or through the visiting center. During normal visiting hours, investigators will be processed by CRDF visiting personnel. For interview requests during non-visiting hours, the investigator shall seek approval from the on-duty watch commander.

Law enforcement investigators include, but are not limited to:

- Any deputy sheriff personnel (not assigned to Custody Operations)
- Outside law enforcement officers (including federal and state)
- District attorneys or district attorney investigators

Law enforcement investigators are required to:

- Present their agency identification for examination
- Have visiting personnel record the visit in the IVVS, and
- Obtain the watch commander's approval for entry into the secured area of the facilit

Once approved, the interviews shall occur in the area(s) designated by the on-duty watch commander, or their designee. Absent a court order, inmates shall not be transported to another facility to be interviewed.

Confidential Interviews

When a law enforcement investigator has the need to confidentially interview a person in custody, CDM section 3-10/015.00, "Custody Division Entry and Exit Procedures" shall apply.

Investigators shall advise the facility watch commander in person of their need to conduct a confidential interview and obtain approval for any electronic devices being brought into the secured area of the facility. Once advised, the watch commander shall ensure the appropriate personnel are notified and what electronic devices are allowed to be used during the interview in accordance to CDM section 3-01/090.05, "Wireless Communication Devices." Sheriff's Department investigators shall document their case file listing the date, time, facility and name of the watch commander who approved the electronic devices. The inmate shall be returned to their housing location once the interview is complete.

Use of Recording Devices

The on-duty watch commander shall approve any electronic device brought into the secured area of CRDF by law enforcement personnel. The watch commander shall log their approval in the Watch Commander's Log.

Visiting Center Interviews

If the law enforcement officer does not need to interview the inmate inside the secured area of the facility, they will be able to interview the inmate through the visiting center. The officer shall identify himself/herself to visiting personnel, who will coordinate the interview in the same manner as an attorney/legal visit. The hours for this type of interview are limited to the established attorney visiting hours unless other arrangements are made through the watch commander.

Removal Orders

Inmates remanded to the custody of the Sheriff (per 4004 PC) shall not be removed from the jail without a removal order.

Law enforcement officers shall obtain a removal order to interview an inmate housed at CRDF outside of the Century booking area.

NOTE: All removal orders, shall be completed in adherence with CDM section 5-14/020.00, "Removal Orders," and MPP section 5-03/170.00, "Department Responsibilities."

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