09-02 RESTRAINT DEVICES AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS

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PURPOSE

This directive provides Court Services Division personnel with procedures to follow when securing juvenile detainees in restraint devices.

BACKGROUND

Juvenile detainees have customarily been transported to Superior Court lockups while restrained in waist chains by personnel from the Los Angeles County Probation Department or deputies assigned to C.S.T. (Transportation Bureau). Until now, policy within Court Services Division has not specifically addressed how juvenile detainees would be restrained after acceptance at a court lockup facility.

POLICY

Juveniles shall be accepted into a court lockup facility in accordance with established policies and procedures for court processing. They shall also be searched for contraband before the removal of restraint devices such as waist chains. Juveniles shall be secured in appropriate cells in accordance with their individual classification or keep-away status.

Juveniles shall not be restrained with handcuffs, waist chains or other CSD approved restraint devices after placement in a holding cell unless articulable facts exist to support the specific need for such restraint. Immediate notification shall be made to a branch supervisor of the rank of sergeant or above in cases where the necessity exists for the continued restraint of a juvenile in a court lockup. The specific justification for

the use of restraints and the time the restraints were added and removed shall be documented in the Daily Facility Lockup log.

Juveniles should be secured with handcuffs or waist chains prior to removing them from holding cells. Restraint devices can be removed, as reasonably necessary, once a juvenile appears in court.

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Juveniles shall be secured with waist chains prior to transport from a court lockup to juvenile hall.

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