

CUSTODY SERVICES DIVISION

DIVISIONAL NOTICE

February 12, 2019

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TO: All Custody Services Division Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Custody Services Division

SUBJECT: Title 15 Suicide Prevention Program

Title 15 Section 1030 requires Type I facilities to have a comprehensive written suicide prevention program.

- (a) Suicide prevention training for all staff that have direct contact with inmates.
- (b) Intake screening for suicide risk immediately upon intake and prior to housing assignment.
- (c) Provisions facilitating communication among arresting/transporting officers, facility staff, medical and mental health personnel in relation to suicide risk.
- (d) Housing recommendations for inmates at risk of suicide.
- (e) Supervision depending on level of suicide risk.
- (f) Suicide attempt and suicide intervention policies and procedures.
- (g) Provisions for reporting suicides and suicides attempts.
- (h) Multi-disciplinary administrative review of suicides and attempted suicides as defined by the facility administrator.

The following is the proposed language for Custody Services Division Suicide Prevention Program. This language was gathered from various sections of the Jail Operations Manual, the current practice and Divisional Order No. 6 September 24, 2018.

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM. Custody Services Division personnel, who have direct contact with inmates, receive suicide prevention training during the Academy and subsequent training thereafter. All arrestees transported to the jail are screened prior to booking.

Suicide rates for inmates confined in correctional facilities are approximately three and one-half times that of the general population. It is important to note that not all suicidal persons will display signs of depression, but depression is still the most prevalent indicator. The following are some of the observable symptoms that jail personnel may use to evaluate an inmate's risk of suicide:

- A history of attempted suicide.
- Extreme sadness, often accompanied by unprovoked crying.
- Insomnia.
- Extreme mood variations.
- Lethargy—the slowing of physical movements such as speech and gait not attributable to drug or alcohol influence.

- Loss or gain of appetite.
- Projection of hopelessness.
- Excessive or unreasonable self-shame due to the nature of the offense charged (i.e., prominent or reputable citizen charged with sexual or child abuse).
- Drug or alcohol influence.

When an arrestee or inmate exhibits any suicidal behavior, a supervisor must be notified and preventive detention procedures instituted.

The following detention alternatives are available when handling suicidal arrestees or inmates:

- When charged with a misdemeanor offense and citation release is not appropriate, the charge may be released and the inmate referred to the Mental Evaluation Unit, Detective Support Division, for possible psychiatric detention.
- Transfer to the Los Angeles County Jail's Psychiatric Unit should be attempted. If unsuccessful in these efforts, the inmate must be cared for as follows:
 - The subject shall be placed in a minimum occupancy unit housing with at least one other inmate unless there is any reasonable likelihood that the inmate may pose a danger to that person.
 - The other occupying inmate must be informed of the suicidal prisoner's potential and asked to remain alert for any possible problems.
 - All objects that might aid in a suicide attempt must be removed from the inmate. In addition, the inmate is to be provided only a bed mattress. No mattress cover or blanket will be issued.

In all cases where a suicidal inmate is to remain housed in Custody Services Division, the Safety Observation Record, Form 6.51, must be completed. All details of the incident must be thoroughly described in the Form 6.51. Efforts to transfer the inmate to another facility must be documented. Suicidal inmates must be visually inspected at least once each quarter of the hour. The results of the inspection will be recorded on the Form 6.51.

Off-going personnel must ensure that the on-coming watch is fully informed of the inmate's condition.

Custody Services Division suicide intervention kits are available to aid detention personnel in the event of a suicide attempt. When detention personnel are alerted to an attempt suicide, the responding detention officer(s) broadcast a —Man Down call. On scene personnel shall cause the suicide intervention kit to be deployed to the location.

Suicides that occur in the jail fall under the category of an In-Custody-Death and are documented on the administrative report. An In-Custody-Death is reviewed by appropriate staff.

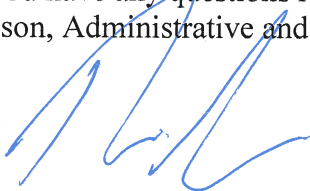
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An Attempted Suicide Report is utilized to document all attempted suicides within CSD operations. This document is reviewed by CSD supervisors and the Commanding Officer of CSD.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact, Detention Officer Gwendolyn Jacson, Administrative and Research Section, Custody Services Division, at (213) 356-3470.



ROLANDO SOLANO, Captain
Commanding Officer
Custody Services Division

Custody Services Division--MDC
 Court Load Statistics for the Day

Date of Transportation: **Monday, February 11, 2019**
 Officer Completing this Form: **D.O. SELLERS G9216**

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| Number of MDC Inmates MDC PLANS to send to Court via LASD Bus for the day: | 78 A |
| ACTUAL Number of MDC Inmates LASD Bus accepted and transported to court: | 76 B |
| Number of MDC Inmates that LASD rejected off of the bus (Planned less Actual) | 2 A-B |

Explanation on the # of MDC Inmates that LASD rejected off the bus:
 One Rejection Reason is required for each Inmate that is rejected.

| | BOOKING NO. | Inmate: | LAPD Div | LASD Bus |
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| 2 | 5542767 INCIDENT NO. 1278 | CAMBELL, SHARRON PENDING | OLYMPIC CRDF | MEDICAL (Y) |
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