

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

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TO: All Office of Operations Personnel

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: HANDLING OF PERSONS ON A MENTAL ILLNESS HOLD

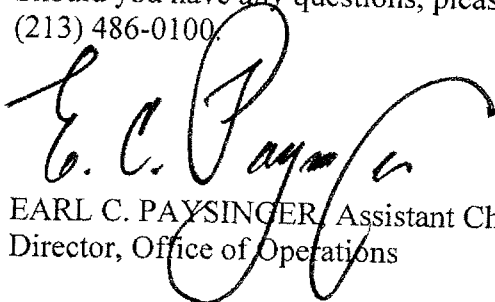
The purpose of this Notice is to ensure that all Department personnel have a clear understanding of Department Policy and Procedure as it relates to seeking medical treatment for persons on a mental illness hold.

When a subject qualifies for a 5150 Welfare and Institution Code (WIC) hold, officers will follow the procedures for taking such subjects into custody as established in the Department Manual Section 4/260.20, *Persons with a Mental Illness*, and further clarified in the Field Notebook Divider, *Incidents Involving Persons Suspected of Suffering from Mental Illness*.

After a subject has been detained for a 5150 WIC hold, officers will contact the Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) for advice at (213) 996-1300. If a System-wide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART) is not available to take custody of the subject, MEU will direct the officer to transport the subject to LAC + USC Medical Center, Harbor- UCLA Medical Center, or Olive View- UCLA Medical Center. Officers are not permitted to transport a subject who qualifies for a 5150 WIC hold to any other hospital when the only apparent medical issue is related to a 5150 WIC hold.

In those situations where the subject is physically injured and requires immediate medical treatment, MEU shall be contacted after the subject is transported to an appropriate medical facility.

Should you have any questions, please contact Commander Matt Blake, Office of Operations, at (213) 486-0100.



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