



*Kern County Sheriff's Office*  
**Policies and Procedures**

<b>TITLE:</b> LEGAL ORDERS OF ISOLATION-SHERIFF'S RESPONSE		<b>NO:</b> H-900	
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**POLICY**

In accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 311, 3285 and in the interest of protecting the safety of the community, the Kern County Sheriff's Office will assist the Health Department in the apprehension of persons who have a communicable disease and violate a lawful order of isolation. Such cases will generally involve the isolation of persons with tuberculosis.

Whenever a person is legally ordered into isolation, by the Health Department, a copy of the *Order of Isolation*, along with the patient description will be forwarded to the Kern County Sheriff's Office Communications Center to be placed on file there.

The Kern County Health Department will take every reasonable step to ensure that the person ordered into isolation appears at the date and time indicated on the order. Arrangement for transportation and hospitalization will be provided by the Health Department if necessary.

Persons who leave hospital isolation without the permission of the Health Officer will immediately be reported to the Kern County Sheriff's Office by hospital staff. The Sheriff's Communication Center will notify the Health Officer on Duty as well as the Bakersfield Police Department. Every Effort will be made to locate the patient and return them to the hospital as soon as possible.

A report of the circumstances surrounding the failure of a patient to obey the Order of Isolation will be prepared by the MARC unit or field deputy. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office requesting a criminal complaint against the patient. The report shall contain copies of the isolation order and all other relevant evidence substantiating the offense.

Deputies who locate and apprehend individuals in violation of the *Isolation Order* shall employ precautionary measures involving the arrest and transportation of a person with a communicable disease.