

# KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Detentions Bureau Policies and Procedures

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**TITLE: INCARCERATED PEOPLE VIEWING OF COPYRIGHTED VIDEOS G-1400**

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**REFERENCE:** Federal Copyright Act (Title 17, U.S.C., Public Law 94-553, 90 statute 2541); Swank Motion Pictures Inc. Contract

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### **POLICY**

Showing videos to incarcerated people within detentions facilities can be an effective means of encouraging incarcerated people to cooperate with staff and to abide by facility rules. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for showing videos within detentions facilities that are in compliance with the Federal Copyright Act. The Federal Copyright Act prohibits the unlicensed showing of copyrighted videos in public performances, which includes playing videos in jails.

To provide videos for incarcerated person viewing, the Detentions Bureau maintains a licensing agreement and has established a library of videos that will be maintained by the Inmate Services Section. All videos kept in the library will be rated PG-13 or lower. At the discretion of the Inmate Services Section Manager exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis for R-rated movies. A set number of videos from the library, to be determined by availability and facility need, will be provided by Inmate Services to be kept at the various detentions facilities for incarcerated person viewing. Inmate Services will exchange the videos kept at the facilities for a like number of videos from the library at the facilities request.

Staff will show to incarcerated people only those videos that are provided by the Inmate Services movie library. Each facility will develop procedures to ensure that all the videos checked out to the facility are accounted for and are available for exchange.