

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SUBSTATION HOLDING FACILITY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TITLE: TRANSPORTING INMATES TO THE HOSPITAL

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REFERENCE: Title 15, Article 10, Section 1206, Detentions Bureau Manual,
Section H-300, Penal Code 4011 & 4011.5

POLICY:

When an inmate is in need of immediate medical attention by a physician, an ambulance will be called, and the inmate will be transported to Kern Medical or the appropriate medical facility determined by medical personnel.

DIRECTIVE 1

Generally, all felony arrests will be guarded while they are at the hospital. Misdemeanor arrests may be guarded depending on whether they are prone to escape, are assaultive, or when it is felt that the safety or the public and community is best served by guarding the arrested person.

Notwithstanding, the provisions of Penal Code 4011 & 4011.5, the guard may be removed from a prisoner charged with or convicted of a felony while said prisoner is in a hospital when it reasonably appears the prisoner does not constitute a danger to life or property.

Authorization to remove the guard for a prisoner charged with or convicted of a felony offense shall only be by the shift supervisor.

A jail hold will be placed on all unguarded prisoners being admitted to the hospital or left at the hospital for any reason. Upon notification of the prisoner's discharge from the hospital, the arresting officer will be responsible for arranging transportation of the prisoner to the Central Receiving Facility (CRF).

NOTE: In all cases, the arresting officer must comply with the provisions of Penal Code 825.

DIRECTIVE 2

If a member of the Kern County Sheriff's Office arrests a prisoner for a felony charge and the prisoner is admitted to the hospital, an absentee booking will be completed at CRF without the physical presence of the prisoner.

In all cases, it will be the responsibility of the arresting officer to:

- Comply with the provisions of P.C. 825.
- Ensure that a Field Arrest Data (FAD) and an accompanying Probably Cause Declaration is completed and forwarded to the CRF shift supervisor.
- Guard the prisoner until relieved.
- Deliver a completed copy of the Hospital Hold Form to the CRF shift supervisor.
- Retain all prisoner property and money. CRF will not accept absentee prisoner property or money.

Upon notification of the prisoner's discharge from the hospital, the CRF shift supervisor will arrange for the prisoner's transportation to CRF.