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Updated Information Regarding Law Enforcement Holds at Kern Medical

In June 2019, Kern Medical stopped accepting law enforcement holds for arrestees. This information was distributed department wide in Training Bulletin 19-25.

Kern Medical is now accepting holds on arrestees brought into the Emergency Department. The attached form is required to be completed by the arresting deputy prior to placing a hold on any arrestee.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT NOTICE TO KERN MEDICAL CENTER REGARDING PATIENT HOLD**

This notice is to Kern Medical Center that _____ (Patient's name) is under arrest of the below identified law enforcement agency/officer. Patient is not under direct law enforcement guard but is still under the authority of law enforcement and law enforcement requests that Kern Medical Center notify the below identified officer, or the listed agency before the identified patient is discharged.

PRIOR TO THE DISCHARGE OF THE ABOVE NAMED PATIENT, PLEASE NOTIFY:

Officer (print name): _____ Badge No: _____ Telephone No: _____

Agency: _____ Telephone No: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- ☐ Patient is booked - Communication with the law enforcement agency may include change of status.
- ☐ Patient's booking number: _____
Patient's booking location: _____
- ☐ Patient is NOT booked, but under arrest - Communication with the law enforcement agency will NOT include change of status.

Information provided to law enforcement is provided due to law enforcement's arrest of patient. The officer signing this document warrants that the patient is under a lawful arrest and the named law enforcement agency agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Kern County Hospital Authority, Kern Medical Center, and all their employees, staff, and agents against any and all liabilities arising out of or based upon the information provided to law enforcement. Should Kern Medical Center choose not to notify the law enforcement agency named above before the patient is released, the indemnity is null and void.

RELEASE OF HOLD:

Date hold released: _____

Completed by officer: _____ Date: _____

Agency: _____

NOTIFICATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY