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DETENTIONS BUREAU MANUAL POLICY: C-1700 INCARCERATED PEOPLE WITH BODY ADORNMENTS OR JEWELRY

This training bulletin is to serve as a refresher for DBPPM C-1700. Policies are available in the official version of the Detentions Bureau Manual, which is located on the "Detentions Bureau" page of the SharePoint website. The official Detentions Bureau Policy and Procedure Manual may be accessed by clicking on the link below:

http://sharepoint/Detention/DetentionsBureauManual/default.aspx

Please note: This bulletin provides only a summation of policy. Please review the full policy to ensure that you are familiar with it.

Body adornments and jewelry represent potential security hazards in Kern County jails. Whereas removable jewelry was once most prevalent, nowadays more people have permanent adornments affixed to their bodies. As the county intake facility, CRF is uniquely faced with the challenge of being the first stop of arrestees with body adornments and jewelry.

Deputies should begin by asking the inmate to remove the item(s). Emphasis should be placed on the inmate removing their own item(s), but there will be times when the inmate requests assistance with removal. Deputies should remember that if an incarcerated person requests staff to assist in removing the adornment, they may do so as long as due caution is exercised to prevent injuring the incarcerated person. If a spreader or other implement is used, it will be sanitized with CaviCide solution before use.

Deputies should also be aware that force will not be used to remove a body adornment from an uncooperative incarcerated person. If the incarcerated person is unable or unwilling to remove the item, staff will notify the shift supervisor, who will work to determine the incarcerated person's placement. A JMS Incident shall be completed describing the action taken regarding the body adornment.