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TRAINING BULLETIN

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Updated Detentions Bureau Manual Policy: G-0300 Law Library

The below listed policy has been updated to the Detentions Bureau Policies and Procedures Manual (DBPPM):

- G-300 Law Library

Policies are available in the official version of the Detentions Bureau Manual, which is located on the "Detentions Bureau" page of the SharePoint website. In accordance with DBPPM "Maintaining Bureau Policies", any printed copies of the manual will be maintained and updated from this source. The official Detentions Bureau Policy and Procedure Manual may be accessed by clicking on the link below:

[Detentions Bureau - Detention Bureau Manual](#)

Please note: This bulletin provides a summary of the listed policies. Please review the whole policy to ensure that you are familiar with policies, procedures, and directives attached to them.

Policy Highlights

Section G-300 Law Library

The following was removed from the G-300 policy:

POLICY

Contracted with Legal Research Associates to provide legal reference material for the incarcerated people housed in the Kern County Facilities. The legal reference materials supplied to the incarcerated people will be paid for by the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Note: *Legal Research Associates services are those of a law library and do not serve as legal counsel to incarcerated people.*

The Sheriff's Office provides access to the Law Library in lieu of Legal Research Associates' services for specified incarcerated people as described within this policy.

DEFINITIONS

Legal Research Associates (L.R.A.): A contract service provider who offers legal research services at the request of an incarcerated person. This service is provided at no cost to the incarcerated person. This service does not take the place of or act as the incarcerated person's attorney.

The following information was added to the G-300 policy:

DEFINITIONS

Fastcase Inc. (Fastcase): A service provider who offers legal research services via web application on the incarcerated person's tablets. This service is provided at no cost to the incarcerated person. This service does not take the place of or act as the incarcerated person's attorney.

DIRECTIVE #1

Incarcerated people will be allowed access to Fastcase services during the times outlined when tablets are available.

DIRECTIVE #2

All staff members are prohibited from photocopying legal responses or other legal material. Staff shall send the request copies to the Law Library.

This new policy can be accessed via the hyperlink below:

- [G- 0300 Law Library](#)

By acknowledging this training bulletin, you indicate that you have read and understand the contents of this training bulletin and DBPPM G-300. All sworn personnel in the Deputy Sheriff and Detentions Deputy ranks assigned this bulletin are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin by **Friday, June 26, 2026**.