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SUBJECT:	TELEPHONE ACCESS
RELATED SECTIONS:	N.5

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines that will permit inmates to use telephones during normal operating procedures.

POLICY

All inmates will be provided reasonable access to a telephone beyond those telephone calls required by section 851.5 PC. Sworn staff members shall not turn off telephones as a punitive measure when inmates delay their response to programs, services, medication distribution, etc.

Nothing in this section is intended to limit the authority of the facility commander to revoke an inmate's telephone access as necessary to preserve institutional safety and security, or prevent criminal activity. When such action is taken, the facility commander shall implement a plan that allows an inmate to contact by telephone his/her attorney and the courts.

PROCEDURE

Collect calls and debit systems will be available for use on telephones. Inmates will purchase debit time through the Sheriff's Commissary. Telephones will be located in areas accessible to inmates during dayroom or recreation time when they are allowed outside of their cells or dorm living units.