San Diego County Sheriff's Department Detention Services Bureau - Manual of Policies and Procedures

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE OVER-DETENTION

RELATED SECTIONS:

PURPOSE

To provide detentions personnel with a procedure for responding to inmate claims that he/she has been over detained on an arrest or booking.

POLICY

Detentions personnel will investigate all inmate allegations of over-detention as outlined within this section.

PROCEDURE

- I. At any time, if an inmate claims that he/she has been over-detained and should no longer be in custody, detentions personnel will complete the following steps.
 - A. The responding deputy will complete the Notification of Possible Over-Detention form (J-300), and segregate the inmate from other inmates until the matter has been resolved or the inmate is released.
 - B. Once the J-300 form has been completed, the deputy will submit the form to the processing sergeant.
 - C. The processing sergeant will immediately contact the detention processing supervisor (DPS) and inform him/her of the situation. If a DPS is not on duty at that particular facility, a DPS should be notified at the San Diego Central Jail and the J-300 form will be faxed to that location.
 - D. Upon receipt of the J-300 form, the DPS will ensure the custody record is reviewed and determine if the inmate has been over detained.
 - E. Once the custody status of the inmate has been determined, the completed J-300 form will be filed in the inmate's custody record.
 - F. If the inmate is determined to have been over detained, the watch commander or his designee will ensure the inmate remains segregated and is processed and released from custody immediately.
 - G. The watch commander will then make an entry in the watch commander's log. The entry will briefly relate the circumstances of the incident and indicate which personnel were notified as well as the findings of the investigation.

H.	In all cases where an over-detention has occurred, the on duty DPS will complete an Incident Notification. The completed notification will be forwarded, via the chain of command, to the IPD Manager for review.