

SDSD Detention Services Bureau—San Diego Central Jail Green Sheet

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SUBJECT:	PSYCHIATRIC STABILIZATION UNITS (PSU)

PROCEDURE

The Psychiatric Stabilization Unit (PSU) is located on the 3rd Floor of the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ). There are voluntary and involuntary incarcerated persons housed in PSU. Involuntary commits are mandated through legal statute to be in a Lanterman Petris Short Act (LPS) facility. These include:

1. 5150 – 72 hour hold
2. 5250 – 14 day hold
3. 5260 – Additional 14 day hold
4. 5304 – 180 day hold
5. 1370 – Incompetent to stand felony trial (Commit to a state hospital)
6. 1370.01 – Incompetent to stand misdemeanor trial (Commit to PSU for 1 Year)
7. 1370.1 – Incompetent to stand trial; mentally and developmentally delayed
8. 1026 – Not guilty by reason of insanity
9. 5350 / 5361 – conservatorship

Voluntary commits are incarcerated persons who have voluntarily agreed to participate in the PSU program and who could appropriately benefit from inpatient psychiatric services. Both Title 15 and Title 9 of the California Administrative Code mandate this unit.

In the event an incarcerated person needs to be given medication against his will via injection (force medicated), a supervisor will be notified prior to the incident. Nursing staff must have a court or doctor's order to administer a forced medication. If necessary, sworn staff will secure the incarcerated person for a nurse to administer the injection.

If a PSU incarcerated person needs medical services, the incarcerated person will be escorted to the 3rd Floor Clinics area. Sworn staff is responsible for escorting incarcerated person to and from PSU.

During activities and programs when a medical or professional staff member is inside the unit, a deputy will stand by inside the unit to provide security. PSU medical staff will determine the appropriate room assignments for incarcerated persons while considering sworn staff's security concerns. Incarcerated persons in PSU are not offered disposable razors. PSU nurses will provide the incarcerated persons with the opportunity to use an electric razor once a day. The incarcerated persons will be secured in the interview room and will be supervised by the PSU staff while shaving. The electric razors will be cleaned and disinfected by the PSU nurses after each use.