

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

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SUBJECT:	INCARCERATED PERSONS IDENTIFICATION WRISTBANDS AND CLOTHING
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PURPOSE

To establish a visual identification system for incarcerated persons that is reflective of an incarcerated person's classification code.

POLICY

Upon entry into a detention facility, all incarcerated persons shall be assigned a specific color-coded identification wristband, and provided color-coded clothing based on their classification.

PROCEDURE

- I. An identifying wristband will be secured on the incarcerated person's left wrist (except in case of amputation, prosthesis or cast).
 - A. Incarcerated persons will be assigned a booking number during the pre-book process. When the Jail Information Management System (JIMS) wristband prints, it will have a color thumbnail photo of the incarcerated person, identifying barcode, booking number, JIMS number, name and date of birth on the paper insert. The wristband will be heat sealed and placed on the incarcerated person's left wrist by sworn staff. The wristband shall be placed on the wrist in a manner that prevents removal by the incarcerated person.
 - B. The JIMS wristbands are color-coded and are the only acceptable form of identification for an incarcerated person:
 - 1. Purple – Misdemeanor arrests that qualify for the book and release program or Conditional Custody Program (CCP).
 - 2. White – Incarcerated workers.
 - 3. Blue – Incarcerated persons arrested on a felony charge, and misdemeanants who do not qualify for the book and release program or CCP.
 - 4. Red – Incarcerated persons housed in designated acute mental health housing areas (Psychiatric Stabilization Unit [PSU], Women's Psychiatric Stabilization Unit [WPSU], and Jail Based Competency Treatment [JBCT]).
 - 5. Yellow – Protective custody (P/C).

Yellow banded incarcerated persons designated as “keep separate all” (KSA) will have a gray striped paper insert.

6. Orange – Incarcerated person housed in administrative separation.

Orange banded incarcerated persons with documented safety concerns will have a yellow striped paper insert.

7. Black – Sexually Violent Predators (SVP).

8. Green – Incarcerated persons deemed to present an escape risk, assaultive behavior, or having threatened to assault staff.

- a. Incarcerated persons that have been committed to life, or death, will automatically be given a green wristband. Incarcerated persons identified by the District Attorney’s office as being a defendant in a death penalty case will also be given a green wristband.
- b. Incarcerated person with special conditions, a hazard of escape risk and/or a history of assaultive behavior will be given a green wristband.
- c. Any other incarcerated person who, through their actions or words, causes staff to believe that the individual meets the criteria for a green band will be considered for green band status. This requires staff to prepare a Status Report for the Incarcerated Person in JIMS (ISR) outlining the circumstances/information justifying the incarcerated person's reclassification to a higher custody level.
 - i. The shift supervisor shall review and approve the ISR.
 - ii. Facility staff shall notify the Jail Population Management Unit (JPMU) staff of the incident and request a classification re-evaluation. For facilities without assigned JPMU staff or 24-hour JPMU staff, these requests will be directed to the JPMU staff at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ).
 - iii. JPMU staff will review all requests for incarcerated persons classification re-evaluations. If a request is deemed appropriate, the classification code changes will be updated in the "Evaluation Update" screen in JIMS. To provide consistency and accountability, only JPMU staff are authorized to make changes to an incarcerated person's custody/classification level.
 - iv. The incarcerated person's wristband, clothing and housing assignment will not be changed until after the review and reclassification of the incarcerated person has been approved and completed by JPMU.

- d. Green banded incarcerated persons shall be housed only at SDCJ, Vista Detention Facility, George Bailey Detention Facility and Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility.
- e. Green banded incarcerated persons who are also classified as protective custody will have a yellow striped paper insert.
- f. Green banded incarcerated persons who are also classified as administrative separation will have an orange striped paper insert.

C. RED STRIPED INSERT

Incarcerated persons who are pregnant or require a special housing accommodation will have the red striped paper insert on their wristband. The red striped paper insert will alert staff that the incarcerated person is either pregnant or requires a special housing accommodation. Incarcerated persons with a red striped paper insert may need to avoid simple physical stress which may include, but is not limited to, prolonged standing, climbing stairs, lifting a mattress, etc.

II. It is the responsibility of facility housing deputies to check the incarcerated persons' wristbands during night hard count. When a deputy discovers a wristband in need of replacement (due to normal wear and tear), the deputy must ensure it is replaced with a new band of the same color by the end of shift. In the case of a deliberately damaged wristband, the deputy will record the details in an ISR and submit it to the sergeant for follow-up. Incarcerated persons that refuse to wear a wristband will be handled in the following manner.

- A. If the incarcerated person is in mainline housing, they shall be isolated or moved to administrative separation for security reasons. Once the incarcerated person complies, the incarcerated individual may be returned to mainline housing.
- B. An ISR shall be written and submitted to the sergeant for follow-up. The incarcerated person shall be contacted on a weekly basis to determine if they are willing to comply. For continued non-compliance, a new ISR shall be written and forwarded to the facility administrative sergeant for follow-up. In an effort to correct behavior, progressive discipline shall be implemented.
- C. Incarcerated persons that refuse to wear a wristband shall lose certain privileges that require a wristband to verify identity. Examples of these privileges include but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Commissary
 - 2. Social Visits
 - 3. Programs

- D. Incarcerated persons that refuse to wear a wristband shall be waist chained prior to leaving the housing unit. For identity and security purposes, the deputy shall place the incarcerated person's wristband on the waist chain near the left wrist.
- III. Plastic fasteners are available via the watch commander for those incarcerated persons who are allergic to the metal fasteners or may use the metal fasteners for self-injury.
- IV. Facility specific wristbands or markings will be placed on the right wrist of the incarcerated person (in the case of amputation, prosthesis or cast, facility specific wristbands will not be used). Facility green sheets will be written explaining the reason for these bands. The left wristband colors will not be utilized for facility specific (right) wristbands. The facility specific (right) wristband must be a non-JIMS wristband and cannot be utilized for identification purposes.
- V. If an incarcerated person is picked up from another agency and is identified as being assaultive towards staff, an escape risk or is committed to life or "death row" the transporting deputy will place a green band on the incarcerated person's left wrist and take appropriate transporting security measures. The transporting deputy shall obtain as much pertinent information as possible from the agency. Upon their return to San Diego, the transporting deputy will complete an ISR detailing the information and notify the intake deputies at the detention facility where the incarcerated person is received. The housing facility will be responsible for notifying JPMU staff.
- VI. WRISTBAND REPLACEMENT
 - A. The housing deputy will positively identify the incarcerated person. This can be done in JIMS. Once identified, the deputy will record the information in JIMS, make a new wristband of the same color and fasten the band on the incarcerated person's left wrist (or on the right wrist if the left is amputated, a prosthesis or in a cast).
 - B. The deputy must re-band the incarcerated person as soon as possible utilizing the re-banding kit located in each housing area.
- VII. INCARCERATED PERSONS CLOTHING CODE
 - A. Incarcerated persons clothing is color-coded to provide staff with a visual cue as to the incarcerated person's classification, housing assignment or security concerns.
 - 1. White – Worn only by incarcerated workers assigned to work in the kitchen. Incarcerated workers are not authorized to wear "whites" in lieu of their assigned tan clothing while in their housing units, in other areas of the facility (e.g., visits, programs, housing unit) or when leaving the facility (e.g., court, etc.).
 - 2. Tan – Worn by incarcerated workers.
 - 3. Blue – Worn by incarcerated persons housed in mainline population.

4. Green – Worn by incarcerated persons designated as escape risks; assaultive behavior or having threatened to assault staff; committed to life or having been committed to death. Incarcerated persons identified by the District Attorney's office as a defendant in a death penalty case will also wear green clothing.
- B. Incarcerated persons who are pregnant shall wear color-coded clothing consistent with their classification, housing assignment or security concerns in compliance with section VII.A of this policy. The color-coded clothing shall be marked with "SD JAIL" in red lettering to provide staff with a visual cue that the incarcerated person is pregnant.