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

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF INCARCERATED PERSONS ACQUITTED AT

COURT

RELATED SECTIONS: CSB P&P F.23

PURPOSE

To establish criteria and procedures for releasing incarcerated persons acquitted at court of all charges.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Sheriff's Department that incarcerated persons acquitted of all charges at court will be processed expeditiously for release from custody after a check has been completed for any holds and pending legal proceedings. Acquitted incarcerated persons will be transferred back to the detention facility they are housed for release.

PROCEDURES

- I. Upon notification by a Court Services Bureau (CSB) supervisor that an incarcerated person has been acquitted at court, the processing sergeant will alert deputies to hold the incarcerated person in the detention facility receiving area and separate him/her from other incarcerated persons.
- II. The detention processing supervisor (DPS) will have detentions processing staff review the incarcerated person's custody record for additional bookings, holds, and warrants.
- III. Once records checks reveal that no additional legal proceedings or holds are pending that would require the incarcerated person to remain in custody, the incarcerated person will be processed expeditiously for release.
- IV. Deputies will retrieve module property from the incarcerated person's housing area. The incarcerated person shall not be allowed to return to housing.
- V. Should the computer or custody record search reveal an acquitted defendant has unresolved bookings, detainers or holds, the defendant will be returned to housing.