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

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**SUBJECT:** LEGAL RESEARCH AREA RULES **RELATED SECTIONS:** TITLE 15, SEC. 1064, N.7, N.8

## **PURPOSE**

To establish rules and procedures by which In Propria Persona (Pro Per) incarcerated persons shall abide while utilizing the Legal Research Areas.

## **POLICY**

All incarcerated persons granted Pro Per status by court order in their current criminal case will be allowed reasonable access to the legal research area (LRA). The Sheriff's Department will provide reasonable access to and maintain a LRA.

## **PROCEDURE**

- I. Legal Research Area Rules
  - A. In order that the LRA's at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ) and Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility (LCDRF) are most productively utilized, the incarcerated persons:
    - 1. Will use the available legal resources only.
    - 2. Will not carry on conversations with other incarcerated persons.
    - 3. Will not remove from the LRA any book, pamphlet or document belonging to the LRA unless authorized by the LRA counselor. Any unauthorized removal of items from the LRA will constitute a theft (484 PC).
    - 4. Will not deface or destroy computer terminals or kiosks in the LRA.
  - B. Incarcerated persons using the LRA who damage or deface books or computers, or who violate any of the rules of the LRA may be disciplined in compliance with Detention Services Bureau Policies and Procedures (DSB P&P) section O.1. LRA privileges may be lost and/or criminal complaints may be filed.
  - C. Incarcerated persons may use the LRA for their own legal research only. Incarcerated persons who use the resources of the LRA or any other materials provided to Pro Per incarcerated persons to perform work for or give legal advice to another incarcerated persons will have their Pro Per privileges temporarily suspended pending the results of a Wilson hearing in compliance with DSB P&P section N.8. The Wilson hearing will be conducted by the facility administrative staff to determine if privileges will be revoked.