



Subject: Hostage Situations

EXHIBIT B

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It is imperative for the safety and security of all persons within Juvenile Justice Campus (JJC) facilities, as well as for those in the community, that minors are not allowed to leave the secure confines of the facilities by the taking of a hostage(s). If successful in securing a release through these means minors would be much more likely in the future to use this practice again in an attempt to escape the confines of the facilities. This would put those visiting and working at the JJC at higher level of risk and would jeopardize the safety of the community if the minor was in fact successful in securing his/her release.

The JJC is a "no-hostage" facility. This means that minors will not be released from custody under any circumstances due to the taking of a hostage(s). Any staff person taken hostage, no matter what their rank or status, immediately loses their authority and any orders issued by that person will not be followed.

I. HOSTAGE SITUATION PROCEDURES

- A. If any minor(s) and/or other person(s) in the facility attempt to hold any person hostage, and they do not respond to verbal commands to stop staff will immediately notify the Watch Commander. He/she will respond to the location and assess the situation. If a hostage situation is in progress the Watch Commander will:
 1. Summon assistance from other officers as required.
 2. Establish a secure perimeter around the hostage takers and allow no one to pass into it for any reason without authorization. Risks should not be taken that might allow the taking of additional hostages.
 3. Evacuate all non-essential persons at the scene to a safe location or any housing pod that is not directly involved in the incident.
 4. Direct officers to place minors in uninvolved housing pods in their rooms and have them remain there until directed otherwise. Minors outside of housing pods will remain in place under officer supervision until it is safe to return to their respective housing pods or any housing pod that is not directly involved in the incident.
 5. Immediately notify the Director or the Probation Services Manager/Assistant Director in his/her absence and confer with higher authority as to action to be taken. Administration in turn will notify the Chief.
- B. The Fresno Sheriff's Dispatch Center (488-3111) will be notified immediately and a request for a trained hostage negotiator and other emergency personnel will be made as needed. Prior to the arrival of the Sheriff Department's hostage negotiator the Watch Commander will attempt to ascertain:

1. The number and identity of both the hostages and hostage takers;
 2. Any known weapons possessed by the hostage takers;
 3. The demands of the hostage takers.
- C. The Watch Commander will retain and direct departing custody officers, as well as, available Probation peace officer staff to assist with security and safety needs, as necessary. Additional Juvenile Correctional Officers should be called in as may be needed to insure the safe and secure operation of the facility.
- D. The Watch Commander will coordinate with the Sheriff's Department all activities taken to resolve the hostage situation, including the use of appropriate force, and will maintain control of the facility until relieved of that duty by the presence of a Probation Services Manager/Assistant Director, Director, or the Chief Probation Officer.
- E. Once the hostage situation has been resolved the minors involved should be housed in the most secure setting available and all appropriate charges should be filed.
- F. Each officer and/or non-sworn staff member who was involved or observed the incident will complete an incident report and if required, the appropriate critical incident evaluation report(s) regarding the details of the incident prior to the end of his/her shift. (See Incident Report, located in JAS Probation View, under "Word Templates".)
- G. The Watch Commander will prepare a Critical Incident Investigation Report, using the Critical Incident Evaluation Report - Page 2 report form and the critical incident evaluation report(s) completed by the reporting persons at the time of the incident.

II. PARENTAL AND MEDIA INFORMATION

- A. Attempts will be made at the direction of Administration to reach the families of the hostages to advise them of the situation. Notification will also be made to the parents of the hostage takers as deemed appropriate.
- B. All media inquiries will be referred to the Chief's office per departmental policy.

III. SECURITY AND OPERATIONAL REVIEW

- A. Once the incident has been resolved a team will be established to conduct a security and operational review of the incident. The review will be conducted within 2 days of the resolution of the incident. The review team will be comprised of the facility administrator and/or facility Director, Probation Services Manager/Assistant Director and Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officers who are relevant to the incident. The team will review the circumstances leading up to the incident and any necessary corrective action necessary to insure that such an incident does not repeat itself.