# **Civil Commitment- Sexually Violent Predators**

# 602.1 POLICY

This policy provides safeguards to ensure that persons held under a civil detainee are afforded appropriate standards of custody.

Nothing in this policy prevents application of discipline under the Inmate Discipline Policy.

# 602.1.1 DEFINITIONS

**CIVIL COMMITMENT / SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR -** Persons held in the Shasta County Jail pending court proceedings, which are not criminal in nature. However, may be based off of a previous criminal proceeding. These proceedings can be the determination of Sexually Violent Prisoner commitment (6600 W&I) or commitment extension.

## 602.2 HOUSING

Civil Commitment/sexually violent predator (SVP) prisoners; Classification and confinement procedures.

- I. Production Order for Civil Commitment/Sexually Violent Predator: Upon receipt of production order from the courts for this type of prisoner, Custody staff shall:
  - A. The watch commander shall direct Custody staff to notify the District Attorney to minimize delays in court process.
  - B. Notify jail transportation
  - C. Notify jail administration
- II. Classification/Cell Assignment:These inmates shall be classified to be held separately in a single cell at all times. Example: Protective Custody.
  - A. (a) Housing assignment by availability/priority.
    - (a) Medical cell MC-1 through MC-7
    - (b) Special Housinghousing unit 1 or 2
    - (c) 3C Pod/ 2C Pod
- III. Transportation Unit:
  - A. The transportation officer shall notify the watch commander upon booking the prisoner.
- IV. Classification Officer:
  - A. This officer shall insure proper housing assignment upon entry/booking.
  - B. This officer shall insure that the prisoner is placed on the court list and goes to court, or has a probable cause hearing within 48 hours of booking.

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#### 602.3 TREATMENT/CONFINEMENT- GENERAL

- This classification of inmate is to be treated with additional considerations, and in most cases, above and beyond those of criminal inmates.
- All questions of legalities or authorities over the treatment or confinement afforded this type of inmate, shall be referred to the watch commander who shall forward their questions or concerns to jail administration for review.

#### 602.3.1 VISITATION/ DOCUMENTATION

- Inmate shall be allowed up to four (4) visits per week.
- Each visit is allowed to be up to one (1) hour.
- All visits shall be documented in the jail management system.

#### 602.3.2 RECREATION/ DOCUMENTATION

- Inmate shall be allowed the same access to the recreation yard as other inmates.
- All recreation yard access shall be documented in the jail management system.

# 602.3.3 LAW LIBRARY ACCESS

Refer to LRA policy.

#### 602.3.4 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

• The disciplinary procedure is the same for SVP inmates as it is for regular criminal inmates.

#### 602.3.5 GRIEVANCE/ REQUESTS

- Grievances shall be responded to the same as those from criminal inmates.
- Requests can be handled at the lowest level.