

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COURT SERVICES DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

CHAPTER 04 – INMATE HANDLING
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SUICIDAL PRISONERS

POLICY

It is the policy of the Marin County Sheriff's Office to establish uniform guidelines within the Court Security Division relative to the handling of potentially suicidal prisoners.

PROCEDURE

Court security personnel shall maintain close supervision of prisoners reported or observed to have suicide potential and make written referrals to custodial personnel as a result of a prisoner's mention of suicide or observed abnormal behavior.

Reception:

- Upon notification of the "suicide potential" of a prisoner received at a court facility, the receiving deputy shall notify the appropriate supervisor so that arrangements for close supervision can be made.
- Holding cell placement shall be in accordance with existing guidelines.

Courtrooms:

- The conduct of prisoners shall be monitored at all times.
- Proper restraints shall be utilized as necessary and as permitted by the court.
- Observation of abnormal behavior or threats of suicide by any prisoner constitutes a threat to the security of the court and shall be sufficient justification to request additional personnel.

Suicide Attempts:

- If a prisoner attempts a suicide while in a court facility, the Court Security Sergeant shall be notified as soon as practical.
- The Court Security Supervisor shall notify the Custody Division Lieutenant as soon as practical.
- If a prisoner is injured in a suicide attempt, immediate medical attention shall be provided.

Reporting:

- When a prisoner attempts suicide, appropriate departmental reports shall be completed as soon as practical.
- A prisoner's threat of suicide or deputy observation of abnormal behavior shall be documented on an appropriate report. (Refer to attachments.)
- Reports shall indicate all facts known relative to the event including who was notified and what action was taken.
- Copies of all pertinent reports shall be provided to transportation personnel for delivery to the main jail, along with the prisoner.
- The appropriate completed reports and other pertinent information shall be submitted to the Court Security Sergeant.

RELATED STANDARDS:

CUS- 10-14

AFFECTED DIVISIONS:

Custody Division

DATE OF REVISIONS:

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By order of:

CAPTAIN DAVID AUGUSTUS
BUREAU OF DETENTION SERVICES