



**General Order: 10.9
ARRESTEE TRANSPORTATION**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish procedures for the transportation of arrestees.

HANDCUFFING ARRESTEES

All arrestees and individuals taken into protective custody under Section 5150 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code shall be handcuffed behind his back prior to being transported in a Garden Grove Police Department vehicle. The exceptions to this order will be if an arrestee or individual is transported via ambulance or when an arrestee is transported by The GEO Group, Inc. personnel who will use handcuffs and leg irons, martin chains are optional.

Sick, injured, or disabled arrestees (i.e., those with casts, prosthetic devices, etc.) shall be handcuffed in such a manner to ensure that the officer's safety is not jeopardized and the arrestee does not suffer further injury.

The only handcuffing devices used by Garden Grove Police Department and The GEO Group, Inc. personnel are departmental approved wrist handcuffs, martin chains and leg irons, or plastic "Flexi-Cuffs"

SEARCH OF ARRESTEE

All arrestees shall be searched prior to being transported by or under the supervision of Garden Grove Police Department personnel. If the transporting officer is different from the arresting officer, the transporting officer shall also conduct a search of the arrestee.

A search of the arrestee should be conducted by an officer of the same sex, when practical. If a search of an arrestee MUST be conducted by an officer of the opposite sex, the officer shall conduct a cursory search for weapons, using the back of his hand.

Upon arrival at the holding facility, arrestees will again be searched by The GEO Group, Inc. personnel prior to any further processing.

ARRESTEE TRANSPORTATION

All marked patrol vehicles are equipped with safety screens/shields, modified rear door locks and windows that are inoperable from inside the rear seat area. An officer may transport up to three arrestees in a marked patrol unit when all arrestees are in the rear seat of the unit, behind the safety screen/shield, with seat belts in use.

Arrestees transported in an unmarked police unit without a safety screen/shield shall be done in the following manner, with the seat belt in place:

1. One officer and one prisoner - prisoner in right front seat
2. Two officers and one prisoner - prisoner in right front seat, second officer in right rear seat; or prisoner in right rear seat, second officer in left rear seat
3. Two officers and two prisoners - prisoner in right front and right rear seat with second officer in left rear seat.
4. Two officers and three prisoners - second officer in left rear seat, first prisoner in right rear seat, second prisoner in right front seat, and third prisoner in middle rear seat.

The arrestee shall be supervised by the transporting officer(s) at all times.

In the event an arrestee begins spitting at officer(s)/jail personnel, each patrol vehicle is equipped with a "spit hood" that can be utilized to prevent the passage of pathogens by arrestees. A supervisor shall be notified whenever a "spit hood" is utilized. The "spit hoods" are located within the first aid kits of all marked units.

If the arrestee is the opposite sex of the transporting officer, the officer shall do the following:

Prior to transporting, advise Communications of their starting mileage. Communications will then give the officer the starting time. Upon arriving at the destination point, the transporting officer shall advise Communications of their ending mileage. Communications will then give the officer their ending time. This information is recorded on the computerized call ticket for future verification.

ALL OFFICERS SHALL SEARCH THEIR ASSIGNED POLICE UNIT PRIOR TO AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER TRANSPORTING AN ARRESTEE.

The GEO Group, Inc. personnel will utilize the GGPD prisoner transportation van for the transportation of prisoners. Males will be transported in the middle secured section and females in the rear secured section. At no time will male and female prisoners occupy the same secured area at the same time.

LONG DISTANCE TRANSPORTATION

The only time an arrestee shall be transported long distances is in the case of an extradition. In these cases, at least one of the transporting officers shall be of the same sex as the arrestee.

The arrestee shall be supervised by the transporting officer(s) at all times. The transporting officer shall afford the arrestee the right to tend to his personal needs. The transporting officer of the same sex shall accompany the arrestee to the restroom.

If the transportation time is going to be EIGHT hours or more, the arrestee must be fed a hot meal. The transporting officer(s) shall ensure that the meal location is chosen at random, ensuring the safety of the arrestee and the transportation officers.

EMERGENCY POLICE SERVICES WHILE TRANSPORTING

While transporting an arrestee, the transportation officer shall not respond to calls for service regardless of the circumstances. The only exception is when the transporting officer witnesses an emergency situation and swift, immediate action is necessary to protect life and property.

Even in an emergency situation, the transporting officer must ensure that the safety and security of the arrestee being transported is maintained.

ESCAPE OF AN ARRESTEE BEING TRANSPORTED

If an arrestee being transported escapes while in the city limits, the transporting officer shall immediately notify Garden Grove Police Department Communications of the circumstances and his location. The officer shall make every attempt to regain custody of the arrestee. This may include setting a perimeter, initiating local and county wide broadcasts, and requesting mutual aid.

If the arrestee escapes while being transported in another city, but still in Orange County, the transporting officer shall immediately notify Garden Grove Police Department Communications of the circumstances of his location. The police agency in which the escape occurred SHALL be notified immediately by the transporting officer or Garden Grove Police Department Communications, requesting their assistance. The officer shall make every attempt to regain custody of the arrestee.

If the escape occurs in another county or state, the transporting officer shall immediately notify the police agency in which the escape occurred, requesting their assistance. The officer shall make every attempt to regain custody of the arrestee. The officer shall notify an on-duty patrol sergeant/Watch of the circumstances as soon as possible.

Any time an arrestee escapes from the custody of a Garden Grove police officer or The GEO Group, Inc. custodial officer, the officer shall prepare all necessary crime/supplemental reports documenting the incident. The involved officer shall also notify the Chief of Police of the circumstances surrounding the incident via an intra-departmental memorandum.

COMMUNICATING WITH ARRESTEE

No one other than departmental personnel shall communicate with an arrestee while he is being transported.

SAFETY/SECURITY PROCEDURES

When transporting an arrestee to the Orange County Jail or another detention facility, the officer shall do the following upon his arrival.

1. Secure his weapon in the firearm lockers.
2. Have the arrestee examined by the detention receiving nurse.
3. Relinquish custody of the handcuffed arrestee to detention facility personnel.
4. All necessary paperwork shall be completed and submitted to the receiving deputy/officer. A copy of the signed booking slip shall be retained by the booking officer and turned in to the Records Section.

REQUIRED BOOKING FORMS

When booking an arrestee(s) at Orange County Jail or another detention facility, the transporting officer shall submit the required forms to the on-duty receiving deputy/officer:

1. If the arrestee is being booked for a warrantless misdemeanor arrest, a booking slip and the supplemental bail information sheet are required.
2. If the arrestee is being booked for a warrantless felony arrest, the booking slip, crime summary information sheet and a probable cause declaration sheet are required.
3. If the arrestee is being booked on a misdemeanor and/or felony warrant(s), the warrant abstract(s), a booking slip and a crime summary sheet are required.

If an arrestee exhibits any abnormal behavior that would indicate a potential security or health problem, the booking officer will check the appropriate box(es) on the booking slip and add any appropriate comments. The booking officer will also verbally advise the receiving deputy of such conditions.

TRANSPORTATION TO COURT

The Orange County Sheriff's Department or other detention facility is responsible for the transportation of an arrestee after the arrestee is booked into their facility. In the event that a Garden Grove police officer is directed to transport an arrestee directly to court, he shall do the following:

1. Contact the on-duty Orange County Sheriff's Watch Commander and advise him of the circumstances surrounding the incident. If the arrestee is a security risk, the Orange County Sheriff's Watch Commander shall be notified.

2. Orange County Sheriff's personnel shall take custody of the arrestee, pending his appearance in court.
3. The transporting officer shall contact Orange County Jail personnel to perform the booking process in absentia.

TRANSPORTATION OF DISABLED, SICK, OR INJURED ARRESTEES

If the arrestee's handicap is such that he can be safely transported in a Garden Grove Police Department vehicle, then the transporting officer can do so. If the handicap is such that special transportation is required, the arrestee should be transported by a city-approved ambulance service accompanied by a Garden Grove Police Department officer.

If an arrestee is sick or injured and requires emergency medical treatment, the Garden Grove Fire Department paramedics shall be called to the scene. The officer shall render necessary first aid until the paramedics arrive.

The officer shall follow the directions of the Garden Grove Fire Department personnel regarding further medical treatment of the arrestee.

If the arrestee requires emergency medical treatment, he shall be transported to the medical facility designated by the Garden Grove Fire Department personnel. In these cases, the arrestee should be transported by a city-approved ambulance service accompanied by a Garden Grove Police Department officer.

If the arrestee requires non-emergency medical treatment by a licensed physician, the transporting officer shall take the arrestee to a department-approved medical facility. The transporting officer shall maintain custody/control of the arrestee at all times while at a medical facility.

If the arrestee's illness or injury requires hospitalization, the arrestee should be released on his written promise to appear, if applicable. If the adult arrest is for an offense for which the arrestee cannot be released on a written promise to appear, the arrestee SHALL be booked into the jail ward at the Western Medical Center, Anaheim, and custody relinquished to the on-duty Orange County Sheriff's personnel. If the arrestee is a juvenile, and the offense is one for which the juvenile would be detained, the arrestee SHALL be booked at University of California, Irvine Medical Center and custody relinquished to the on-duty Orange County Sheriff's personnel.

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SITUATIONS

Garden Grove Police Department does not provide prisoner transportation for any special situation. The Orange County Sheriff's Department is solely responsible for transporting arrestees to special events. Such events include, but are not limited to:

1. Funeral of a relative
2. Visitation of a gravely ill relative