

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

San Mateo County, California

Adult Facility Inspection Report

Please respond to sections that apply to the facility you are inspecting.
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Facility Name: San Bruno Police Department

Address: 1177 Huntington Avenue, San Bruno

Contact Person: Sgt. Dermot Downes

Phone Number: (650) 616-7100

Date of Inspection: 9/12/2016

Date of Last Inspection: Unknown

Commission Inspection Team: Al Serrato, Rebecca Flores

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Judge Cretan

Observations, Concerns, and Recommendations

Detention Log of Minors Reviewed? Yes No

Are detention logs periodically forwarded to the California Division of Juvenile Justice? Yes No

How frequently? Monthly

Are logs current, complete and legible? Yes No Comments: The logs contained detailed notes.

Do logs reflect entry and exit times? Yes No Comments: _____

Are reasons for secured detention noted? Yes No Comments: secured detention is not used for juveniles

Is the offense noted? Yes No Comments: _____

Fire Inspection Report Reviewed? Yes No Date: _____

Any recommendations/concerns from last inspection? Have these been implemented?: _____

None

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Health Department Report Reviewed? Yes No Date: 12/3/2015

Any recommendations/concerns from last inspection? Have these been implemented?:

None

General Information

Number of minors held in detention during inspective review period:

Secured 1 Non-Secured 58

Are minors given an orientation prior to being detained? (Section 1540): Yes No

Describe: They are advised as to why they are there, what they were arrested for, that their parent or guardian is being called, and generally what they can expect to occur. The officer will also attempt to get a statement.

Comments: _____

How are minors in custody supervised?

In a Locked Cell (Section 1547)? This is not done.

In Secure Custody outside of a cell (Section 1548)? By the arresting officer who maintains constant observation of the minor. This is done in an interview room that has a half door; the upper part of the door remains open when a minor is inside. The room is located near the Sergeants' office.

In Non-Secure Custody (Section 1550)? This is rarely done. Observation would be one on one with the arresting officer, probably in the sergeant's office.

How often are minors in custody observed? (Section 1548):

In a Locked Cell? Minors are not kept in a locked cell.

In Secure Custody outside of a cell? By the arresting officer who remains with them throughout their time at the station.

In Non-Secure Custody? Same.

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How are minors in custody observed (video, audio device, personal observation, Section 1547)?: The room is equipped for video and audio monitoring by the observations are personal by the arresting officer.

Is the observation logged?: Yes No Comments: The policy for constant observation is in the Department's general orders but the fact of observation by the officer is not logged.

Is there constant auditory access to staff at all times?: Yes No Comments: _____

Is there any contact with adult inmates?: Yes No Comments: _____

Are males and females kept in the same room/area? Yes No Comments: _____

Are drinks (water) and snacks available, if requested?: Yes No Comments: Water is available and if the minor asked for food, the officer would get something for him or her.

Is there access to toilets and washing facilities: Yes No Comments: The officer will remain in proximity but the minor would be in a closed stall.

Are there provisions available for clothing, blankets, etc.?: Yes No Comments: _____

List the names, dates, intake and release times, and circumstances for all minors held for **longer than six hours**. (Attach any additional documents if necessary. **Names will be redacted prior to publication.**): __

None

Secured Detention

Was the secured detention area observed? Yes No

Is the secured detention area a locked room? Yes No

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Is a cuffing rail used for secured detention? Yes No

Comments: _____

Are minors in secured detention informed of the following?: Not applicable

The purpose/reason for being placed in secured detention: Yes No

The length of time the secure detention is expected to last: Yes No

Informed of the six-hour limit of being held in secured detention: Yes No

For what purpose/reasons would a minor would be placed in secured detention?: Minors are not placed in secured detention. In situations where secured detention is necessary, the minor would be transported to Hillcrest.

How often is secured detention reviewed and by whom? Not applicable

Have any minors been held in secured detention for more than six hours?: Yes No

What is the proximity of the secured detention area to adult inmates? Not applicable

Describe the procedure for intoxicated or substance abusing minors: Such minors would be released to their parents or transported to SM General for medical clearance before being transported to Hillcrest. They would remain with the officer throughout this process.

How frequently are intoxicated/impaired minors observed? Constant

Is this observation documented in the logs? Yes No No, it is a departmental practice.

If cuffing rail is used:

Was cuffing rail observed and procedure explained? Yes No There is no cuffing rail

How are youth secured? An arrested minor would be handcuffed but the handcuffs would be removed as soon as feasible.

Who approves the use of a cuffing rail? (e.g. Watch Commander): not applicable

How is the minor supervised? How frequently?: not applicable

What time limit is used when using cuffing rails? (30 min. limit): not applicable

Does the detention log note the use of cuffing rails?: Yes No

Comments

General comments or concerns that should be noted that haven't already been addressed?: _____

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The one instance of "secured detention" was inadvertent. The arrestee provided false identifying information indicating she was 19 years old. When her true information was ascertained, she was immediately removed from secured detention.

We noted several instances in which white-out was used in the log books. Most of what was written under the white out was still legible. On one occasion, it was done because the officer filled in the information for the wrong month. Other occasions seemed to be to correct minor errors so that the records would be easily legible. We advised Sgt. Downes that the better practice was to line out the mistaken info and write the new information on a new line, rather than use white out.

Signature of Commissioner(s) preparing this report:

/s/ Al Serrato Date: 11/29/16

/s/ Rebecca Flores Date: 11/29/16