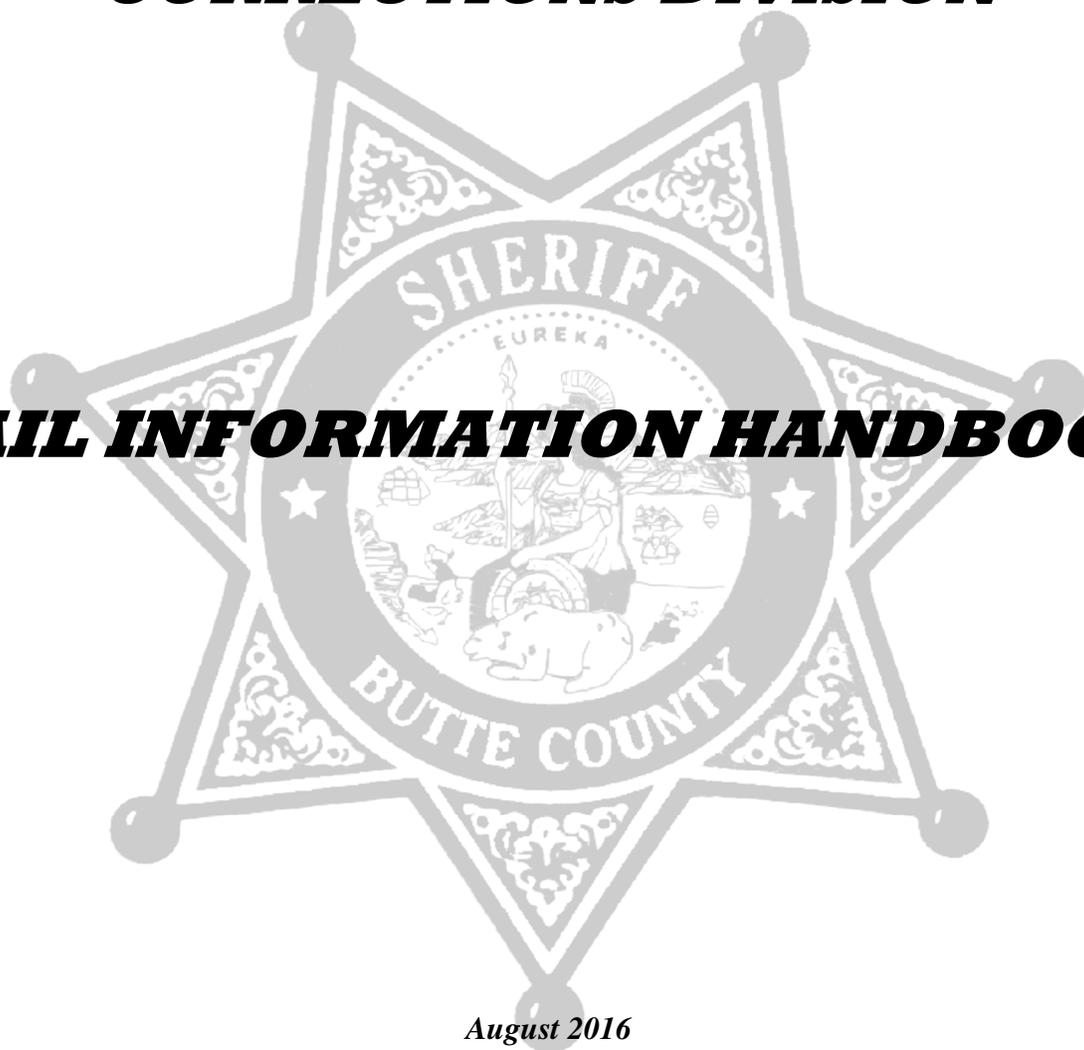


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CORRECTIONS DIVISION

JAIL INFORMATION HANDBOOK



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What's Inside...

1. Information about the operation of the correctional facilities, as well as services and programs available to the inmates. This information is available for view on every housing unit kiosk. Inmates can also request this information booklet in paper form at the time of their booking, or at any time after being housed within the jail facility. It is available in English and Spanish.
2. The rules of inmate conduct: Our facility rules are established to maintain order and efficiency within the correctional facilities, and for your safety and security. Violating the rules may subject you to disciplinary action. For example, one of the rules is prompted by a Butte County ordinance, **“Smoking and/or the use of electronic smoking devices is not permitted within any county buildings, including the correctional facilities.”**
3. How to communicate with staff: Deputies make regular tours of the housing areas. You may ask questions of the deputies while they are in your housing area, or you may submit your question on an Inmate Request Form. All of the inmates’ forms that you submit to the correctional staff, such as Request Forms, Sick-Slips, and Grievance Forms, must have your last name, first name, housing unit, and inmate identification number printed legibly on the form.
4. Health & Safety information: There is licensed medical staff on duty 24 hours a day to insure that basic and emergency care is available for the medical, dental and mental health needs of the inmate population. The inmates are responsible to keep the jail facility clean. Cleanliness is your best defense against communicable diseases such as infections, flu, and the common cold. Good hand washing is the number one way to stop the spread of germs and bacteria. Showers may be taken during normal dayroom time. Do not share cups, combs, toothbrushes, disposable razors, or electric razor shaving heads with other inmates.
5. Butte County Transit bus tickets are available from jail staff, upon request and justification of need, when you are released from custody.

Please note: The information in this handbook is subject to change. Changes will be posted, in writing, in the housing units.

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SECTION I GENERAL INFORMATION

The correctional facilities operate under the authority of the Butte County Sheriff - Coroner. Orientation to the jail and its rules, regulations, and operating procedures is necessary so that you will be able to adapt rapidly to the surroundings. The correctional staff will give the inmate this information either orally or in writing in a language that the inmate understands.

The Butte County Jail operated in accordance with a Consent Decree established pursuant to Butte County Superior Court Case #84429. The Consent Decree sets forth certain rights and responsibilities of the inmates and the corrections staff. A copy of the Consent Decree is available for review in the Law Library. The law firm of Sally Anderson has been appointed by the court to represent the inmates in Consent Decree matters. The designated representative may be contacted regarding the Consent Decree and Jail conditions. The telephone number is listed in Section VI, "Free Access Telephone Numbers", of this Handbook. [\[HOME\]](#)

1. **LOCATION:** The correctional facilities buildings are located at 7 Gillick Way, Oroville, CA 95965. Telephone: (530) 538-7471. The correctional staff will not accept incoming telephone calls for inmates. [\[HOME\]](#)
2. **POWER FAILURE:** Remain where you are if a power failure occurs. The correctional facilities are equipped with back-up emergency generators so that a power failure lasts only a few minutes. The correctional staff will instruct you to move to another area if it is necessary. [\[HOME\]](#)
3. **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:** In the event of any emergency do not panic or run! Panic increases the chance of injury. The correctional staff will advise you what to do, which area to report to, and what to do on your arrival there. Safety requires you to follow the correctional staff's orders. Do not waste time or increase risk by stopping to ask questions. Go to another area at once and move when told if there is smoke or fire. You should notify the correctional staff as quickly as possible of an emergency if the correctional staff is not present. The correctional facilities have an emergency evacuation plan shown by lines and arrows painted on the floor or walls. Follow the lines and arrows painted on the floor or walls when told to do so. [\[HOME\]](#)
4. **CLASSIFICATION AND SEGREGATION:**
 - a. The three security classifications for inmates are maximum, medium, and minimum.
 - b. An inmate who has been sentenced to more than 60 days may request a review of his/her classification plan no less than 30 days from the last review. An inmate may request a review of his/her classification by submitting an Inmate Request Form to Classification. An inmate will have the right to appeal a reclassification denial within 5 days, excluding weekends and holidays, after receiving written notice of the denial. An appeal will be presented on an Inmate Grievance Form.
 - c. An inmate may be placed in administrative segregation for the safety of the inmates and staff, and the security of the facilities.
 - d. An inmate has the right to seek relief from administrative segregation by

submitting an Inmate Request Form to Classification. In the event of a denial, an inmate will have the right to appeal the denial within 5 days, excluding weekends and holidays, after receiving written notice of the denial. The appeal will be presented on an Inmate Grievance Form [Link to kiosk] [\[HOME\]](#)

5. **LEGAL COUNSEL/ASSISTANCE:**

- a. The Butte County Jail Law Library is located in the facility. Community Legal Information Center (CLIC) students work as Legal Research Assistants to assist inmates with legal research or provide inmates with legal information. To use this resource submit a Butte County Jail Law Library Request Form (Yellow Form). You can request a “red envelope” from the floor deputies to keep your request confidential. CLIC personnel are responsible for providing fair and reasonable access to this service.
- b. A list of Public Defenders is included in Section VI of this Handbook. A telephone directory is provided in each housing unit if you desire to call an attorney not listed but who may accept a collect call. You may request to use the no-charge telephone by submitting an Inmate Request Form to the Floor Sergeant if you have an attorney who will not accept collect calls.
- c. If the judge grants you “Pro Per” status, you may request certain stationery, mailing, and writing items by submitting an Inmate Request Form to the Utility Officer. These special materials are to be used by the Pro Per inmate solely for the preparation of your court case. Misuse of these materials may result in their loss and/or disciplinary action. [\[HOME\]](#)

6. **PRIVATE LEGAL MATERIALS:** The inmate may use and retain the inmate's own legal materials in the housing unit provided the materials will fit into the inmate's storage area and comply with jail policies. This extends to legal material provided by the Community Legal Information Center (CLIC). [\[HOME\]](#)

7. **NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE:** Inmates will be able to use the services of a Notary Public. You will be refused service if you fail to follow the instructions.

- a. See CLIC for forms, to use pens, or to photocopy legal forms. The Notary does not supply forms.
- b. Forms must be completed in ink with no blank spaces except signature and date before requesting notary.
- c. If CLIC is unable to answer your questions seek help from an outside sources such as an attorney before requesting the Notary. The notary DOES NOT answer questions or give advice.
- d. Once forms are ready to be notarized, submit an Inmate Request Form to the jail Notary, specifying the type of document you need notarized.
- e. You must have your inmate ID number and social security number with you when seeing the Notary. The name on your forms must match the name on your identification. [\[HOME\]](#)

8. **RELEASE AFTER COURT APPEARANCE:** You will be released from custody as quickly as the release papers are processed and if you have no hold. This process can take up to 8 hours to complete. If you are released from custody during the night and cannot secure transportation you may remain in the public area of the correctional facilities until 7:00 AM unless your presence is destructive, in which case you will be required to leave the premises. [\[HOME\]](#)
9. **SCHEDULED RELEASES:** You will be released on the last day of your incarceration, normally, between the hours of 08:00 AM and 10:00 AM, if you have completely served your sentence and have no holds. [\[HOME\]](#)
10. **PASS REQUESTS:** The Sheriff may permit the temporary release or parole of an inmate. The inmate may request temporary release by submitting an inmate request form to the Watch Commander. [\[HOME\]](#)
11. **RELEASE DATE CALCULATION:** After you have been completely sentenced on all cases, a time computation will be completed and a release notification sent to your housing unit. This process can take 1-4 weeks depending on the type of sentence you receive. DO NOT request a release date unless you have not received notification within the allotted time frame stated above. [\[HOME\]](#)
12. **ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY PROGRAM:**
 - a. Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP), and Alternative Custody Supervision (ACS) are offered as an alternative to serving time in jail to individuals who are eligible.
 - i. These programs are a privilege and granted at the discretion of the Sheriff's Office.
 - b. Factors taken into account for eligibility for an Alternative Custody program are as follows:
 - i. Severity of current and prior charges
 - ii. In custody disciplinary history
 - c. Stable living environment within Butte County, as determined by Alternative Custody Staff:
 - i. You will not be considered for an Alternative Custody program if you have failed any Alternative Custody program within the past one year.
 - ii. There may be a non-refundable administrative and participation fees that apply to these programs.
 - d. Sheriff's Parole: You may be eligible for early release on Sheriff's Parole if you are serving a sentence of 60 days or more and have served at least one-quarter of your sentence.
 - i. Application forms are available from the Sheriff's Parole Office through an Inmate Request Form. [\[HOME\]](#)

13. **LEGAL MAIL:** Legal mail is defined as incoming or outgoing correspondence between an inmate and the court, a member of the State Bar, a holder of public office, the State Board of Corrections, the Butte County Jail Commander, the Community Legal Information Center (CLIC), and the Butte County Sheriff. The correctional staff may open and inspect such mail only in the presence of the inmate and only to search for contraband. The correctional staff may not read legal mail. You may receive unlimited paper and stamped envelopes, for legal mail, by submitting an Inmate Request Form to the utility officer, providing you have less than two dollar (\$2.00) for 30 consecutive days in your trust account. (Only five envelopes will be issued at a time and replenished as used.) [\[HOME\]](#)
14. **INCOMING MAIL:**
- a. There is no restriction on the number of letters you may send or receive.
 - b. Your mailing address is: Your Name, 7 Gillick Way, Oroville, CA 95965. Your housing location and ID number are not necessary.
 - c. You may not receive food items, cards, Polaroid photographs, stationery items, postage stamps, cash, or personal checks.
 - d. You may not receive mail from other correctional facilities (jails or prisons).
 - e. Incoming mail will be opened and searched for security reasons.
 - f. Mail in non-English language may be reasonably delayed for security reasons.
 - g. Any mail that may pose a security risk (i.e. stickers, mail labels, lipstick, or unknown substances and/or contraband) will not be accepted and will be returned to sender.
 - h. All mail is processed weekdays, excluding weekends and holidays, but may be delayed due to circumstances beyond our control.
 - i. You may receive newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and NEW books that must be mailed directly from the publisher not from a bookstore. No hard covered books are allowed. Correctional staff will not cancel subscriptions after you leave. The Post Office will not accept change of address cards from inmates.
 - j. Obscene or inflammatory mail is not allowed.
 - k. You will be given an updated property receipt if mail is placed in your personal property. You will not be notified if mail is returned to sender.
 - l. You may receive e-mails thru the vendor selected by the Sheriff's Office. [\[HOME\]](#)
15. **OUTGOING MAIL:**
- a. There is no restriction on the number of letters you may send.
 - b. The correctional staff will collect unsealed out-going mail prior to 11:30 PM.
 - c. Mail is subject to search and reasonable delay for security reasons.
 - d. Only legal mail will be marked as "legal mail" on the outside. The correctional staff will search the "legal mail" and seal it in the presence of the inmate.
 - e. There may be nothing written or drawn on the face of the envelope except the "to" and "return" addresses. The utility officer will stamp "Butte County Jail" on the face of the envelope. [\[HOME\]](#)

16. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

- a. Your personal property and money were taken from you for safekeeping and you were given a receipt when you were admitted to the correctional facilities.
- b. Personal medications that you may have brought in were locked in the medical unit. You must stop by the medical department to retrieve these medications when you are released. Medication that has expired, was not stored in its prescribed container or is not retrieved will be destroyed.
- c. Your property will be returned to you and you will be given a check, or issued a debit card for the amount of money remaining in your trust account at the time of your release.
- d. Your receipt will be necessary to file a claim for missing items.
- e. Inmates from other correctional facilities will be allowed (3) three inches of legal/religious paperwork. All items must fit in your drawer or storage bin, including legal materials. Any food items will be confiscated and donated. Non-food items will be stored in your personal property.
- f. While incarcerated in the Butte County Jail all inmates will limit their personal belongings to the amount of items that fit comfortably inside the inmate storage drawer or shelf provided. No items, including commissary, and legal material may be stored on the floor area of a housing unit / cell. Commissary privileges may be revoked in the event you are in violation of this rule.
- g. If you are transferred to state prison, all of your personal property will be held for 120 days, and then it will be disposed of. A property release form will be provided to you at the time of your transfer. It is your responsibility to provide the name and address of the person you want to give permission to pick up your property.
- h. Inmates may release their property to an authorized person by requesting a Property Release Form. The authorized person must have a valid ID. Cell property can be released no more frequently than six months. [\[HOME\]](#)

17. **MONEY:** Inmates are not permitted to have cash, checks, or money orders in their possession. [\[HOME\]](#)

18. **INMATE TRUST ACCOUNT:**

- a. The money taken from you at booking was placed in the Inmate Trust Account and you were given a receipt.
- b. You will be able to view your Inmate Trust Account thru the kiosk located in your housing unit.
- c. Money may be added to your trust account via the internet, telephone, or the kiosk located in the Main Jail Lobby. There is a maximum of \$300.00 per day.
- d. Personal checks, money orders and cash will not be accepted through the mail or at the lobby window.
- e. The correctional staff will deduct the amounts from your trust account as you purchase commissary items, receive medical care, and receive medications.
- f. Except for an emergency, you may only release money to friends and/or relatives during your first 15 days of confinement. The Administrative Lieutenant will

determine whether an emergency exists. [\[HOME\]](#)

19. **COMMISSARY:**

- a. Stationery, toilet articles, snack foods, and other items may be purchased from the commissary system once each week.
- b. You may purchase up to \$100.00 of commissary products each week.
- c. You cannot buy commissary items if you do not have enough money in your trust account. You may request an indigent hygiene kit if you have less than \$2.00 in your trust account.
- d. Upon your release or transfer from custody, if you have a pending commissary order, it is your responsibility to arrange for the retrieval of that order. All items will be held for pick up until the following Wednesday and then will be disposed of.

20. **ONLINE COMMISSARY ORDERS:** All online (internet) and outside purchases are the sole responsibility of the purchaser. In the event of incorrect orders, non-arrivals, or other errors, it is the purchaser's responsibility to contact the Butte County Sheriff's commissary vendor. [\[HOME\]](#)

21. **INMATE SERVICE PROGRAMS:** Inmate programs are available on a regular basis in various parts of the correctional facilities depending on the State and County budget and the availability of community volunteers. Social interaction and participation in community activities are encouraged for all inmates. These programs may include the following:

- a. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- b. Study guides are available for General Education Diploma (GED)
- c. Vocational training
- d. Legal assistance and counseling
- e. Religious services and counseling
- f. Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- g. Individual or group counseling
- h. Social services assistance
- i. Inmate worker programs
- j. Life Skills program

Inmate eligibility for programs will be based on:

1. Criminal history;
2. Inmate's classification compatibility, i.e., programing with like classifications, safety concerns;
3. Disciplinary history while incarcerated;
4. The inmate's ability to understand and comply with program rules;
5. Availability of appropriate number of approved participants at time of request.

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22. **VIDEO VISITING:** Visiting will be available 7 days a week from 0800-2200 hours via the Video Visitation Kiosk.
- a. Video visitations are available through Securus Technologies. Inmates' family/friends may submit visitation appointments by contacting [Securus Technology](http://www.securustech.net) at 1-800-844-6591 or www.securustech.net
 - b. Family and Friends can video visit from a personal computer or by using the kiosk located in the jail lobby.
 - c. The kiosk will not be available for usage during headcount, and meal service.
23. **PUBLIC VISITING:** The Sheriff and staff of the Butte County Jail recognize the social and psychological importance of inmates being able to visit with family and friends during their period of incarceration. To optimize the opportunity for inmates to receive visitors, while maintaining inmate safety and facility security, the following policies have been adopted and will be uniformly enforced:
- a. Visiting days and hours are posted in each inmate housing unit, and are listed on the jail's automated telephone service – 530 538-7471. Visiting times may also be found on the sheriff's web page at <http://www.buttecounty.net/sheriff>.
 - b. The inmate may have two 45-minute visiting periods each week. One visiting period on Saturday and another one on Sunday.
 - c. Visitors need to register at the West Facility Visiting Center or the Main Jail Lobby (depending upon the inmate's housing location) prior to the visit. Visitors register by completing an Inmate Visitor Form and presenting the form and a valid, photo identification card issued by an agency of the U.S. Federal or State government, (i.e., state vehicle operator's license, state identification card, military identification card, passport, visa, resident alien identification card, etc.), to the visiting sign-up officer.
 - d. Visitors must be eighteen (18) years of age unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Proof of relationship or guardianship will be required for all teenage visitors. The watch commander may make exceptions in unusual or special circumstances.
 - e. Visiting periods start promptly at the assigned times. Visitors are recommended to arrive 20 to 30 minutes prior to the assigned visiting times. They must be registered 15 minutes before the visiting times so that the inmates can be moved to the visiting area. Late registration will not be permitted. Only the watch commander, under unusual or special circumstances, may authorize visiting at other times.
 - f. Persons currently on S.W.A.P., A.C.S., Sheriff's Parole, or having been released from any incarceration within the past thirty (30) days are not allowed to visit.
 - g. Any persons on active parole or any persons having been convicted of a felony and confined in any state prison in this State will not be allowed upon the grounds of the Butte County Sheriff's Office without prior written permission from the Jail Commander. A felon entering these premises without prior written consent is in

violation of State law, and may be arrested and charges with a felony. (Penal Code 4571)

- h. Inmates will submit to a search by correctional staff.
 - i. Inmates will not take anything to the visiting area except religious materials when visiting with clergy or legal documents or books when visiting with attorneys or investigators.
 - j. Inmates will leave the visiting areas immediately when directed by the correctional staff.
 - k. Inmates will remain seated in the designated visiting area unless specifically instructed otherwise by the correctional staff.
 - l. Inmates will not receive anything from visitors. Inmates will not bring anything back into the correctional facilities from the visiting area without permission of the correctional staff.
 - m. Inmates that could not receive visits during regular visiting times due to lack of sufficient visiting spaces will be rescheduled after regular visiting times. [\[HOME\]](#)
24. **VISITING BY ATTORNEYS, CLERGY, AND PHYSICIANS:** Inmates will be allowed confidential visits with their attorney, investigators, clergy or physicians at reasonable hours and designated visiting rooms. They may contact the correctional facility if they have questions about visiting [\[HOME\]](#)
25. **MEALS:**
- a. You will be offered 3 meals a day on a regular schedule. A meal will be provided to you when you return to the correctional facilities if you out of the facility at meal time, and when some other arrangements for feeding were not made.
 - b. Special medical dietary concerns should be stated in writing on a Sick Slip.
 - c. Justification for a special non-medical diet, including religious diets, is to be submitted on an Inmate Request Form to the lieutenant responsible for food services.
 - d. All inmates must attend every meal service whether you want to receive a meal or not. [\[HOME\]](#)
26. **TELEPHONE AND HOUSING UNIT KIOSKS:**
- a. Telephones are available for outgoing calls only.
 - b. Most housing units have telephones and kiosks, which may be used during the day from 10:00 AM, after housing units are cleaned, and evening hours until 11:30 PM. Inmates will only use the telephones and kiosks at scheduled times or when authorized by the correctional staff.
 - c. Telephones and kiosks will not be turned-on until the housing unit is clean.
 - d. A telephone directory is provided in each housing unit. [\[HOME\]](#)
27. **LIBRARY SERVICES:** The library services consist of library carts and a law library.
- a. A library cart will be provided to the inmate housing units each week. Do not mark books or tear out pages.
 - b. Legal electronic books, documents, or copies of pages of legal books or documents

may be requested from the Community Legal Information Center (CLIC). You may be charged for photocopies. A computer is available for typing legal documents. [\[HOME\]](#)

28. **STREET/JURY TRIAL CLOTHING:** You should have one (1) complete set of street clothes in case you need to wear them to court and to wear when you are released from the correctional facilities. Your attorney may provide you with one (1) additional set of clothing for court. [\[HOME\]](#)
29. **JAIL CLOTHING:** The correctional facilities will provide you with clothing that is clean and in good condition. You will be given the opportunity to launder your, undergarments, clothing and bedding once per week. There will be a blanket exchange every 3 months
 - a. It is a crime to destroy or deface county property.
 - b. Inmates may be charged criminally, administratively, and/or monetarily for willful destruction of county property. [\[HOME\]](#)
30. **BEDDING:** You have been issued 1 mattress, 3 sheets, and 1 blanket. Inmates will be given the opportunity to have their linens laundered once each week. [\[HOME\]](#)
31. **CLEANING OF HOUSING UNITS:** It is your responsibility, together with that of the other inmates, to do janitorial work assignments within your housing unit and the facility. Inmates assigned to housekeeping are instructed in Universal Precautions. You will be provided with cleaning materials by the correctional staff, who will direct your cleaning activities. Housing units will be cleaned daily prior to 10:00 AM. Telephones and television will not be turned on until the housing unit is clean. The first 15 minutes of the A Pod and B Pod dayroom time is set aside for the inmate to clean his cell. Another inmate will not make work assignments.
 - a. The following is the minimal daily cleaning and housekeeping requirements for the housing units:
 - b. Walls will be cleaned (no food, writing, paper, etc. on walls).
 - c. Showers and sinks will be free of soap scum and hair.
 - d. Stairs will be free of dust and dirt.
 - e. Floors will be swept and mopped.
 - f. Tables will be wiped-down and free of clutter.
 - g. Nothing will be on the floors but shoes.
 - h. Bars will have nothing on them.
 - i. Nothing will surround the mattress.
 - j. Clothes may be hung from the towel hooks by your bunk. [\[HOME\]](#)
32. **TELEVISION:**
 - a. Most housing areas have a television that may be viewed during the day from 10:00 AM, or after housing units are cleaned, and during evening hours until 11:30 PM. [\[HOME\]](#)

33. **RECREATION AND EXERCISE:**
- a. There are a variety of recreation and service programs available. You will be provided with at least 5 hours of outdoor recreation or exercise time in at least 5 sessions distributed over a period of 7 days except during inclement weather.
 - b. There is exercise equipment installed in each of the housing units for use during inclement weather.
 - c. Female single-celled inmates will be provided 1 hour of exercise time each day, during inclement weather, in lieu of outdoor recreation time.
 - d. Charlie and Delta inmates may elect to remain in the dayroom instead of going to outdoor yard.
 - e. Charlie inmates may have yard in the Delta and Dorm yards after the Delta and female yards are completed, at the discretion of the correctional staff. [\[HOME\]](#)
34. **HAIRCUTS:** A licensed hairdresser is available weekly. Indigent inmates may receive a haircut once a month. Inmates who have funds in their trust account may request a haircut as often as they wish. The procedure for submitting a request is the same for indigent and funded inmates; fill out and submit an Inmate Request Form, asking for a haircut, and a (yellow) Check Release Form in the amount of \$16.00, which authorizes payment to the hairdresser. [\[HOME\]](#)
35. **MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND DENTAL CARE:** Medical, dental, and mental health services, accredited by the California Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ), are available within the correctional facilities. Inmates will be charged a \$3.00 fee for each medical visit and an additional \$1.00 for every prescription prescribed. Inmates may request to be seen by the medical unit by filling out a sick slip. Any prescription refill requests must be submitted to medical through a sick slip.
- a. **Medical:**
 1. A private medical company that specializes in providing health care to the correctional facility inmates provides the medical care under contract and on-site. They provide emergency care treatment, on-going chronic care treatment, medical counseling, treatment by a specialist when ordered, and hospitalization when necessary.
 2. A nurse and a Classification Deputy asked you questions about your health during your booking into the facility. However, you should ask to see the nurse if there is more information about your health that you think is important. You may do this by submitting a Sick Slip
 - b. **Emergency:** You will be seen at once if you are in need of emergency care.
 - c. **Treatment:** for drinking or drug problems is provided.
 - d. **Reading glasses:** are available on commissary, or if indigent by submitting a request to the Utility Officer. For other prescription glasses submit a sick slip to the medical unit. Examination or treatment for vision problems is available when medically indicated.

e. **Outside Care – Personal Health Care Professional:** You may seek treatment from health care professionals or clinics other than the jail facility’s staff at your own expense. The procedure is:

1. First, you, or your financial representative, must make all the payment arrangements with the health care provider’s office.
2. After payment arrangements are made, use an Inmate Request Form to notify the Jail’s Transport Unit that you wish to have an appointment with the health care provider; supplying the doctor or clinic’s name, address, and phone number.
3. The Transport Unit will contact the office and schedule the appointment.
4. For security reasons you will NOT be told the date or time of the appointment. The doctor’s office will also be instructed not to disclose the appointment date or time to any inquiring person, i.e. family or friends.
5. The Transport Unit will transport the inmate to and from the appointment.
6. Under certain circumstances, an inmate sentenced only to county time and without any holds from other jurisdictions, may be permitted to make their own appointment, arrange for transportation, and supplied with a day-pass so they can go to their own health care appointments. The inmate may be tested for alcohol and drugs upon their return to the facility. An inmate may submit a request to the lieutenant for approval.
7. Inmates may not be administered any over-the-counter or prescription medications without the expressed consent of the jail medical staff.

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f. **Female Medical Services:**

1. The medical staff will provide pregnancy testing at no cost to the inmate.
2. The medical staff will provide OB/GYN medical services for pregnant inmates.
3. Female inmates have the right to have pregnancy testing and medical care for the pregnancy by a physician of their choice. The inmate must pay expenses for treatment from physicians not provided by the correctional facilities.
4. Each female inmate will be allowed to use materials necessary for personal hygiene with regard to her menstrual cycle, reproductive system, and birth control measures as prescribed by her physician.
 - a. **Birth Control** - Female inmates will be given information regarding the availability of family planning services (Section VIII). Birth control is available through the facility medical department. If you would like to start on birth control pills, you should do so at least 2 months before your release date.
 - b. **Abortion Rights** - Section 4028 of the Penal Code states that a pregnant female inmate desiring abortion shall be permitted to determine her eligibility for an abortion pursuant to law, and if found eligible, shall be permitted to obtain an abortion.

- c. **Counseling and Assistance** - can be provided to pregnant inmates whether desiring abortion, adoption services, or plans to keep and rear the child. [\[HOME\]](#)
 - d. **For more information on family planning see [Section VIII.](#)**
- g. **Mental Health:** You should submit a sick slip if you think you need to see a mental health provider. [\[HOME\]](#)
- h. **Dental Care:** The medical staff provides emergency dental services and necessary dental services that may include fillings, incision and drainage, control of bleeding, extraction, repair of dentures, and clinically indicated surgery. Submit a sick slip to ask for dental care. [\[HOME\]](#)
- i. **Medications:**
 1. You should bring to the attention of the medical staff if you were taking prescription drugs before you arrived at the correctional facilities.
 2. Your need for prescription drugs will be medically evaluated promptly by the medical staff. You will receive the medication that is medically appropriate for you. The nurse or doctor can discuss this with your own doctor, if you request that he or she do so. Medications will normally be given to you near meal times unless otherwise prescribed by medical staff. You must take and consume your medication immediately when it is given to you unless otherwise instructed. Saving or storing drugs is prohibited.
 3. Butte County Jail inmates who meet defined safety and compliance criteria may be allowed to carry on their person and self-administer approved unit dose packaged medications which have been identified as having no or low overdose potential or trade value.
 4. Eligible inmates will be expected to take responsibility for the storage and administration of approved medications prescribed for them following instructions for self-administration by the Health Care Provider (See: Section X, page 34).
 5. The medical unit will call in a prescription of the medications that you are taking when you are released to the pharmacy of your choice. You will be responsible to pick up and pay for that medication. [\[HOME\]](#)
- j. **Discharge planning:** You should immediately begin to plan for your healthy release back into the community. The goal is to enhance your health by providing continuity of care. The medical unit will assist you in obtaining outside care and referrals for mental and medical care. The medical unit will call prescriptions in for you to your pharmacy. If you have been receiving wound care, diabetic care or other medical treatments while in custody the medical unit will teach you how to care for yourself upon discharge. You must place in a sick slip advising the medical unit of your release date so that this planning can occur. Do not assume the medical unit is aware of your release date. [\[HOME\]](#)
- k. **Disputes Concerning Medical Care:** If you object to your health care, feel that you are not getting the treatment you need, or believe you are getting the wrong treatment, you should:

1. **First**, submit a sick slip to discuss this with the medical staff.
2. **Second**, you may then submit a request to speak to the medical program manager about your concern.
3. **Third**, you may submit a grievance about your medical, dental, or mental health treatment if you still are still not satisfied. [\[HOME\]](#)

SECTION II

INMATE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

POLICY: Inmates housed in the Butte County Jail will have access to a grievance/appeal process which relates to conditions of confinement including, but not limited to, medical care, general classification actions, general disciplinary actions, program participation, telephone, mail, visiting, food, clothing, and bedding.

PLEASE NOTE: A grievance is a formal, legal document and request for a specific action, much the same as a law suit or a criminal complaint. As such, it must meet certain criteria and follow a prescribed format. Inmates should attempt to resolve difficulties by speaking with their floor deputies and/or submitting an Inmate Request Form to solve the problem informally. If it becomes necessary to file a grievance anyway, be sure to include the actual rule or violation you believe the facility staff has violated and supply as much supporting documentation as you can so that a complete investigation may be conducted into the alleged violation. The Legal Research Assistants in the law library can help you with this process. [\[HOME\]](#)

PROCEDURE:

- STEP ONE:** An inmate wishing to file a grievance will request an Inmate Grievance Form by filling out an Inmate Request Form and handing it to the housing deputy. The housing deputy will ask the inmate the nature of the grievance and attempt to resolve the grievance. The housing deputy will sign and date the form and give the pink copy of the Inmate Request Form to the inmate. The housing deputy will forward the Inmate Request Form to the watch commander.
- STEP TWO:** The watch commander receiving the Inmate Request Form will ask the inmate the nature of the grievance and attempt to resolve the grievance. The watch commander will forward the Inmate Request Form to the administrative sergeant.
- STEP THREE:** The administrative sergeant will issue a serial numbered Inmate Grievance Form within twenty-four hours of receipt to the requesting inmate, excluding holidays and weekends. The serial numbered Inmate Grievance Form will be recorded in the Inmate Grievance Form Log.
- STEP FOUR:** The inmate will complete the Inmate Grievance Form, within seventy-two hours of receipt, by describing and referencing the alleged violation. The completed form will be given to the housing deputy who will sign and date the form and give copy four to the inmate. The housing deputy will attempt to resolve the grievance at that level. The housing deputy will forward the Inmate Grievance Form to the watch commander if it cannot be resolved. [\[HOME\]](#)

STEP FIVE: The watch commander receiving the completed Grievance Form will sign and date the form. The watch commander will not accept the grievance form if it is not properly completed and not submitted within seventy-two hours. The watch commander will direct a full investigation of the grievance and attempt to resolve it within forty-eight hours. The watch commander will make a proposed resolution of the grievance to the inmate. The inmate will sign and date the form and check one of the two blocks. Checking the "has been" block terminates the grievance. The watch commander may also deny the grievance for reasons of cause or defect. The watch commander will state in writing on the Grievance Form or a separate memorandum the reason for the denial. [\[HOME\]](#)

STEP SIX: The watch commander will forward the denied, unresolved, and the resolved grievances to the administrative sergeant. The administrative sergeant will annotate the Grievance Log. The denied and resolved grievances will be forwarded to Classification. The administrative sergeant may deny the grievance for reasons of defect or failure to comply with format guidelines. For example, a grievance may be denied for failure to cite what the actual violation was. The administrative sergeant will state in writing on the Grievance Form or a separate memorandum the reason for the denial.

STEP SEVEN: If an unresolved grievance is an allegation of a violation of a Sheriff's Office policy, state law, or federal law by a Sheriff's Office employee assigned to the jail, which could result in formal discipline (i.e., reprimand, suspension, termination), it will be referred to the Sheriff or a designated representative through the jail commander. The sheriff or a designated representative will decide a course of action that will be put in writing with a copy to the inmate within twenty-four hours excluding holidays and weekends. The inmate will sign and date the form and check one of the two blocks. Checking the "has been" block terminates the grievance. The administrative sergeant will annotate the Grievance Log. [\[HOME\]](#)

STEP EIGHT: Other unresolved grievances are to be forwarded to the appropriate correctional lieutenant for a hearing. The lieutenant will hold the hearing not later than seventy-two hours after receiving the grievance excluding holidays and weekends. The lieutenant will hear the inmate, witnesses, and review pertinent information. The inmate may be assisted by another inmate or by a member of the Sheriff's Office who is willing to act as the inmate's representative at the hearing. The representative will be entitled to attend and participate in the grievance hearing, informal conferences, or reviews in which the inmate participates. The lieutenant will attempt to resolve the

grievance. A written statement of the results will be given to the inmate on the same date on which the hearing was held. The inmate will sign and date the form and check one of the two blocks. Checking the "has been" block terminates the grievance. The lieutenant may deny the grievance. The lieutenant will state in writing on the Grievance Form or a separate memorandum the reason for the denial. The administrative sergeant will annotate the Grievance Log. [\[HOME\]](#)

STEP NINE: The grievance will be reviewed as an appeal within forty-eight hours of the disposition of the lieutenant, excluding weekends and holidays, by the jail commander or a designated representative. The jail commander or designated representative will render a decision in writing to the inmate as to the findings. The inmate may pursue the grievance through the court system if the grievance has not been resolved to the inmate's satisfaction.

STEP TEN: Disposition: Original (white) - Inmate's file, 2nd (canary) – Classification, 3rd (pink) – Inmate's receipt at final resolution, 4th (goldenrod) – Inmate's initial receipt when the completed grievance was first picked up by staff. [\[HOME\]](#)

SECTION III

RULES OF CONDUCT

1. The following rules are categorized as one (1) of three (3) types of violations which enables the jail staff to make allowances for varying degrees of severity. Violations of some rules are also violations of criminal law, and a criminal complaint may be filed against you with the District Attorney. [\[HOME\]](#)
2. Disciplinary penalties will be directly related to the severity of the violation. Cruel or unusual punishment is expressly prohibited.
3. The disciplinary process is an administrative, not a judicial process. Rule violations may be handled as a disciplinary matter and, also, referred to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.
4. The Disciplinary Officer is the Administrative Sergeant. The Disciplinary Officer will not participate in the disciplinary process if involved in the charges.

5. RULE Categories Penalties:

a. Major Violation Penalties

1. Removal from inmate worker status.*
2. Work contract for up to 40-hours.*
3. Loss of good time (earned and future).*
4. Loss of one or more privileges for 30 days.

Note: Loss of commissary privileges does not include hygiene or stationery items.

5. Disciplinary isolation for up to 10 days.*
6. Disciplinary diet.*

*The inmate is entitled to request an appeal through the disciplinary appeal process. (*Inmate signature required on DAR form) [\[HOME\]](#)*

b. Serious Violation Penalties

1. Removal from inmate worker status.*
2. Loss of one day's work time for each work refusal and loss of future work time credits, (earned work time credits cannot be taken).
3. Loss of up to 7 days good time.*
4. Extra work detail up to twenty 20 hours.
5. Loss of one or more privileges for up to 15 days.

Note: Loss of commissary privileges does not include hygiene or stationery items.

6. Disciplinary isolation for up to 5 days.*

*The inmate is entitled to request an appeal hearing through the disciplinary hearing process. (*Inmate signature required on DAR form)*

c. Minor Violation Penalties

1. Verbal counseling, warning, or reprimand.
2. Loss of one outside recreation period.
3. Pod room/dormitory restriction for up to 23 hours except for legal visits/calls.
4. Work contract for up to 10 hours.
5. Loss of one or more privileges for 7 days.

Note: Loss of commissary privileges does not include hygiene or stationery items.

6. 6. Re-housing for 24 hours.

The following rules are in effect to maintain the safety and security of the inmates, the staff, and the jail facility, and will apply to all inmates while in the custody of the Butte County Sheriff, whether housed in one of the facilities, assigned to one of the alternative to incarceration programs, or during transport to or from the facility. The Rules of Conduct are a form of administrative law and will be enforced under those guidelines. Violations of some rules are also violations of criminal law, and a criminal complaint may be filed against you with the District Attorney. Some violation may appear in more than one of the Major, Serious, or Minor sections. This enables the jail staff to make allowances for varying degrees of severity. [\[HOME\]](#)

Major Violations:

Major Section 10. Violence and Weapons:

- 10.1. Murder or attempted murder.
- 10.2. Assault and/or battery (staff or inmate).
- 10.3. Assault with intent to commit a sex act.
- 10.4. Rape and/or sodomy.
- 10.5. Possession of explosives, ammunitions, or flammable substances.
- 10.6. Extortion, blackmail for protection.
- 10.7. Arson, attempted arson, or possession of any implement capable of igniting a fire.
- 10.8. Possession of any implement that can be used as a weapon, including, but not limited to: a gun, firearm, knife, a garrote, and any unauthorized sharpened instrument.

Major Section 11. Escape:

- 11.1. Escape, attempted escape, or planned escape.
- 11.2. Possession of escape paraphernalia.
- 11.3. Wearing a disguise or mask.
- 11.4. Being in possession of another inmate's jail identification.

Major Section 12. Facility Security and Disruption:

- 12.1. Participation in riots, work strikes, or mutinous disturbance.
- 12.2. Incite a riot. Conveying any inflammatory or mutinous communication by voice, writing, sign, symbol, or gesture.
- 12.3. Tampering with doors, locking devices, security systems, fire suppression system, fire prevention equipment, communications systems, or the electrical system of the facility.
- 12.4. Flagrant failure to follow safety or sanitation regulations.
- 12.5. Destruction of facility/county property with a value of \$400.00 or greater.

- 12.6. Anyone not in their assigned cell during lockdown times.
- 12.7. Three (3) serious violation offenses within a thirty-day period

Major Section 13. Contraband, Medications, and Drugs:

- 13.1. Possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia, not authorized by the medical staff.
- 13.2. Traffic or sales of drugs or narcotics.
- 13.3. Possession and/or consumption of jail manufactured alcohol (Pruno).

Major Section 14. Theft:

- 14.1. Theft of property.
- 14.2. Possession of stolen property.

Major Section 15. General Behavioral - Miscellaneous Rules

- 15.1. Bribery or attempted bribery of an employee.
- 15.2. Felonious violation of a condition of work release or work/school furlough.
- 15.3. Counterfeiting of documents, money, or official papers.
- 15.4. Inmate identification damaged, lost, altered, or tampered with. Inmates must have their identification in their possession anytime they are escorted from their housing unit. (No Exceptions).

Major Section 16. Local, State and Federal Laws:

- 16.1. Commit, conspire, aid, abet, assist, or counsel another inmate to violate a rule of the facilities, a California state law, or a federal criminal statute.
- 16.2. Manipulate or attempt to manipulate an employee with the intent to cause harm to another inmate or employee.

Serious Violations:

Serious Section 20. Violence and Weapons:

- 20.1. Fighting.
- 20.2. Aiding, abetting, or conspiring with others in the commission of violence.
- 20.3. Threat to another person and/or the relatives of another person.
- 20.4. Possession of dismantled disposable razor or electric razor-head.

Serious Section 21. Lewd and Obscene Behavior:

- 21.1. Engagement in sexual acts not involving threat or force.
- 21.2. Indecent exposure.
- 21.3. Possession, manufacture, or posting of any obscene materials.

Serious Section 22. Facility Security and Disruption:

- 22.1. Failure to comply with a Classification Unit order to move to another classification and/or housing location.
- 22.2. Failure to cooperate with a facility count. Including refusal to line-up, stand beside one's bunk, or stand at one's cell door as directed by staff.
- 22.3. Inmates will not leave their assigned area until the count clear signal is given.

- 22.4. Tampering doors, locks, security systems, fire suppression system, fire prevention equipment, communications systems, or the electrical system of the facility.
- 22.5. Being in an unauthorized security area.
- 22.6. Failure to remain on one's bunk, or in one's cell, when ordered to do so.
- 22.7. Inmates of the opposite sex will not enter the others area unless directed to do so for a work assignment.
- 22.8. Inmates are forbidden to open exterior doors of the facility unless a fire alarm sounds or when directed to do so by a staff member.
- 22.9. Inmates housed in a housing unit or in any area of the facility will not communicate with another inmate of a different housing unit, verbally, in writing, or by gestures/symbols, directly or through doors, windows, walls, etc.
- 22.10. Inmates will place hands behind their back and with one hand grasp the opposite wrist when out of the housing unit excluding an emergency.
- 22.11. Inmates will face the wall with their hands behind their back when out of the housing unit until given direction by staff.
- 22.12. Inmates will walk the hallways in a straight line without talking and with their hands behind their back when directed by staff.
- 22.13. Inmates will not manipulate staff, attempting to cause or causing any disruption of the facility.
- 22.14. Disruptive conduct and/or horseplay.
- 22.15. Loan of property to others for profit.
- 22.16. Inmates in Administrative Segregation will not pass items from cell to cell.
- 22.17. Non-emergency use of the intercom.
- 22.18. Non-emergency crossing of the yellow line.
- 22.19. Inmates will not have personal items on their person while outside of their housing unit unless directed to do so by jail staff. Exceptions: (1) eye glasses; (2) authorized mobility aids such as canes and walkers; or (3) legal papers necessary for attorney visits, research in the law library, or court appearances. Possession of personal items is not permitted during outside yard/exercise periods. [\[HOME\]](#)

Serious Section 23. Contraband and Drugs:

- 23.1. Possession of contraband.
Contraband defined: Contraband includes any item that: (1) was not issued or delivered to the inmate by jail staff; (2) was issued by jail staff but has been changed or modified in any way from its originally intended purpose; (3) was not purchased by the inmate through the inmate commissary program; and (4) the inmate does not have a legal right to possess.
- 23.2. Possession of unauthorized county property.
- 23.3. Possession of unauthorized money.
- 23.4. Possession of unauthorized negotiable (i.e., credit cards, checks).
- 23.5. Use/possession of tobacco products.
- 23.6. Possession of stockpiled ingredients used to manufacture jail made alcoholic beverage.
- 23.7. Intoxication or consumption of intoxicants.
- 23.8. Possession of gang paraphernalia.

Serious Section 24. Theft:

- 24.1. Theft of county/jail property.
- 24.2. Theft of another inmate's property.
- 24.3. Altering, destroying, defacing, damaging, or tampering with the property of another inmate.
- 24.4. Breaking into another inmate's room, storage bin or locker.
- 24.5. Theft, or attempted theft, of food items during meal distribution.

Serious Section 25. Facility and County Property:

- 25.1. Willful destruction of county property.
- 25.2. Altering, destroying, defacing, damaging, or tampering with the property or equipment of the facility, or staff. [\[HOME\]](#)

Serious Section 26. Medications and Medical Unit:

- 26.1. Misuse of authorized medication, including failure to consume any medication in the manner, or at the time, directed by the Medical Unit staff.
- 26.2. Possession of any medication prescribed to another person.
- 26.3. Misuse any medication possessed through the self-administered medication program.
- 26.4. Alteration or misuse of a Medical Treatment Order (aka: "Crono").
- 26.5. Filing a fraudulent sick slip in the name of another inmate.
- 26.6. Pretend or fake illness.

Serious Section 27. Disciplinary Procedures:

- 27.1. Failure to comply with disciplinary procedures.
- 27.2. Presentation of false evidence.

Serious Section 28. Outside Work and Alternative Custody Programs:

- 28.1. Violation of any condition of SWAP, ACS, Sheriff's Parole, work release, or work/school furlough.
- 28.2. Any negative law enforcement contact while on SWAP, ACS, Sheriff's Parole, work release, or work/school furlough.
- 28.3. Unauthorized absence from work assignment or work/school furlough location, not related to an escape attempt.
- 28.4. Work/school furlough inmates: Only those items necessary for work or school may be brought into or taken from the facility on a daily basis.
- 28.5. Inmates assigned to outside work details, such as kitchen crew, road crew, or laundry crew, will not solicit money, tobacco products, or other items from anyone, either in the facility or outside on work details. [\[HOME\]](#)

Serious Section 29. Gang Related Activity:

- 29.1. Recruiting or forcing any person to participate in any gang related activities.
- 29.2. Inmates will not perform synchronized calisthenics or exercise in groups larger than three persons.
- 29.3. No inmate shall "stand guard" for any other inmate.

29.4. Placing gang symbols or graffiti on any county property.

Serious Section 30. General Behavioral – Miscellaneous Rules:

- 30.1. Disobeying any written or verbal order from staff.
- 30.2. Inmates will not curse, swear at, make obscene gestures toward, or use any derogatory language to jail staff or private citizens.
- 30.3. Refusal to work.
- 30.4. Refusal to maintain a clean and hygienic living area.
- 30.5. Spitting on the floors and walls of the buildings, or on the sidewalks.
- 30.6. Posting items to walls, lights, fixtures, intercom speakers, or windows.
- 30.7. Inmates will not lie or falsely represent the truth to staff or private citizen.
- 30.8. Misuse of inmate Pro Per materials.
- 30.9. Violation of visiting policies.
- 30.10. Inmates will not move, or switch from their assigned seats during public visiting periods.
- 30.11. Violation of mail regulations.
- 30.12. Violation of telephone regulations.
- 30.13. Tattooing and/or possession of tattooing paraphernalia.
- 30.14. Attempt to commit any of the above violations or assist others to commit any of the above violations.
- 30.15. Three minor violation offenses within a thirty-day period.
- 30.16. Inmates will neatly store their property and clothing in their assigned storage drawer/compartments or on their wall hook. Property will not be stored on bunks or in common areas
- 30.17. Failure to properly make a bed prior to 7:00 AM on weekdays and 9:00 AM on weekends and holidays. Beds will remain made until 8:00 PM. *“Made bed” defined: Beds will be made by tucking the loose ends and sides of the sheets and blankets under the mattress. No bedding, or clothing, will be hanging off the sides or ends of the bunks*
- 30.18. Inmate will only use their own personal identification number (PIN) for telephone /video visitation privileges.
- 30.19. Inmate(s) will only participate in authorized video visitation privileges. Inmate(s) will not participate in another inmate’s video visit.

Minor Violations:

Minor Section 50. Cleaning and Hygiene:

- 50.1. Failure to keep one's person or room clean.
- 50.2. Inmates will neatly store their property and clothing in their assigned storage drawer/compartments or on their wall hook. Property will not be stored on bunks or in common areas,
- 50.3. Failure to properly make a bed prior to 7:00 AM on weekdays and 9:00 AM on weekends and holidays. Beds will remain made until 8:00 PM. *“Made bed” defined: Beds will be made by tucking the loose ends and sides of the sheets and blankets under the mattress. No bedding, or clothing, will be hanging off the sides or ends of the bunks.*
- 50.4. Failure to participate in housing area cleaning. [\[HOME\]](#)
- 50.5. Littering.

Minor Section 51. Contraband:

- 51.1. Possession of contraband
- 51.2. Conversion or altering of any personal or county property so that it becomes contraband.

Minor Section 52. Clothing:

- 52.1. Possession of excess issue clothing or bedding.
- 52.2. Possession of unauthorized clothing, jewelry or eyewear.
- 52.3. Failure to be properly dressed while in the dayroom/common areas.
- 52.4. Failure to be fully dressed when out of cell or dormitory.
- 52.5. Unauthorized wearing of head covering/headbands.

Minor Section 53. General Behavioral - Miscellaneous Rules:

- 53.1. Insubordination/disrespect.
- 53.2. Using obscene or abusive language or gestures.
- 53.3. Carrying unauthorized items out of the housing unit
- 53.4. Unauthorized use of telephone.
- 53.5. Keeping non-commissary food items in cell or dormitory: Sack breakfasts may be kept in the cell or dormitory until 11:00 AM and box dinners may be kept until the following morning at 05:00 AM
- 53.6. Abuse of library privileges (i.e., book defacement, destruction, and failure to return library materials).
- 53.7. Inmates will not sit or stand on tables.
- 53.8. Inmates will not lie, sleep, climb, or place their feet upon, or use furniture for purpose other than for which they were intended.
- 53.9. Inmates will not talk to anyone outside their housing area unless directed to by the staff.
- 53.10. Being in an unauthorized cell, or dormitory, or bunk. [\[HOME\]](#)

SECTION IV DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

POLICY: The Butte County Jail has established standards of inmate behavior (rules) which will provide for the safe, orderly, and efficient operation of the facility and, at the same time, protect staff and inmates. Rules and disciplinary penalties will be clear, consistent and uniformly applied. [\[HOME\]](#)

AUTHORITY: California Penal Code §6030; California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, §§1080-84.

ACTION: Effective immediately, the following actions and procedures shall be implemented:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. The rules are published in the Jail Information Handbook and are categorized as one (1) of three (3) types of violations:
 - 1. Major
 - 2. Serious
 - 3. Minor
- B. The disciplinary process is an administrative, not a judicial process. Rule violations may be handled as a disciplinary matter and, also, referred to the Butte County District Attorney for criminal prosecution.
- C. The disciplinary officer is the facility's administrative sergeant. The disciplinary officer will not participate in the disciplinary process if involved in the charges.

II. PROCEDURES:

- A. The watch commander will immediately be advised when a violation of a rule which affects the safety, security, efficiency, or operation of the facility has occurred. Correctional staff will take appropriate security and safety measures to contain the situation. The immediate re-housing of an inmate is permitted by the watch commander when the rule violation involves: [\[HOME\]](#)
 - 1. Assaultive conduct;
 - 2. The inmate poses an immediate threat to the safety or security of others;
 - 3. The inmate poses an escape risk;
 - 4. The inmate requests or requires protective custody; and
 - 5. The inmate poses a danger to self.
- B. Minor Rule Violations: Minor rule violations may be handled in one of two manners:
 - 1. Informal
 - a. Counseling and/or advising the inmate of expected conduct or a verbal warning.
 - 2. Formal

Correctional deputies who observe or discover minor rule violations may counsel the offending inmate(s) and/or assign a minor form of disciplinary punishment. If

- a. Punishment is assigned, the offense and the punishment shall be documented on an Incident Report, which will be forwarded to the watch commander.
 - b. The inmate may:
 - (I) Accept the penalty.
 - (II) Contemporaneously with the imposition of the penalty request an appeal to a supervisor by filling out an Inmate Discipline Appeal Form. The correctional deputy shall deliver the appeal to a supervisor. The supervisor may, after reviewing the Incident Report and the Discipline Appeals Form:
 - (A) Sustain the punishment,
 - (B) Reduce the punishment, or
 - (C) Commute the punishment.
 - c. The supervisor who heard the appeal will forward the Incident Report and/or the Appeal Form to the disciplinary officer.
3. Penalties for minor rule violations may include one or more of the following:
- a. Extra work detail or up to ten hours; or
 - b. Removal from a work detail without loss of work-time credit;
 - c. Loss of privileges such as television or telephone for not more than seven days;
 - d. Lock-down or rack-confinement for less than 24 hours; and
 - e. Loss of commissary for no more than one week.
4. Penalties for minor rule violations may not include the loss of visitations or any other privilege mandated by regulation.
- C. Serious Rule Violations: Serious rule violations will be handled formally.
1. Correctional staff will document the rule violation on an Incident Report and forward it to the watch commander
 2. The watch commander will give a copy of the Incident Report to the inmate and inform the inmate of the following:
 - a. the nature of the charge(s), and
 - b. the right to be present at a hearing. The inmate may waive their right to be present. [\[HOME\]](#)

The inmate may present documentary evidence and/or request the appearance of a witness who has relevant and not unduly cumulative information except when:

1. The presence of the witness may severely jeopardize the life or safety of persons, or the security and/or the order of the facility.

2. The hearing will be conducted no sooner than twenty-four (24) hours, nor later than seventy-two (72) hours, after the inmate receives their copy of the Incident Report unless the inmate waives the time limitation. [\[HOME\]](#)
3. The following procedures will be adhered to during a hearing:
 - a. The hearing officer will be a correctional sergeant, or a correctional deputy designated by the jail commander, who was not directly involved in the situation described in the Incident Report.
 - b. The inmate will be read the charge(s) and asked if the violation is admitted or denied. If the inmate admits the violation, the hearing officer will note the findings on the Disciplinary Action Report, along with any statements made by the inmate, and forward the Disciplinary Action Report to the disciplinary officer.
 - c. If the inmate denies the violation, the hearing officer will:
 - (I) Consider all of the evidence and call witnesses. Since the hearing is an administrative and not an adversary proceeding, the inmate does not have the right to question witnesses nor are Formal Rules of Evidence used;
 - (II) Allow the inmate to present witnesses, submit documentary evidence, and/or make a short statement; and
 - (III) Make a finding of “responsible” or “not responsible” based upon the evidence, and notify the inmate of the finding.
 - d. The hearing officer will forward the Incident Report and the Disciplinary Action Report to the disciplinary officer. On findings of "responsible", the disciplinary officer will review the inmate's file, and utilizing progressive discipline, impose the appropriate penalty. The disciplinary officer will take into consideration the inmate's conduct and work record along with any extenuating circumstances surrounding the violation.
 - e. The administrative sergeant will inform the inmate of the recommended disposition and/or penalty for each serious violation that can be appealed. The inmate may:
 - (I) Accept the penalty and sign the Disciplinary Action Report; (In such cases the penalty may be imposed immediately.) or,
 - (II) Within twenty-four (24) hours request and submit an appeal to the administrative lieutenant utilizing the Disciplinary Appeals Form. [\[HOME\]](#)
 - f. If the inmate appeals the penalty assigned by the disciplinary officer, the administrative lieutenant will review the details of the original incident and the subsequent investigation. The lieutenant will communicate to the inmate whether the disciplinary penalty is affirmed, dismissed, or reduced.
 - g. The inmate may:
 - (I) Accept the penalty and, if necessary, sign the Disciplinary

Action Report; (In such cases the penalty may be imposed immediately.) or,

(II) Within twenty-four (24) hours request an appeal to the jail commander utilizing the Disciplinary Appeals Form.

h. Upon receiving an appeal, the jail commander will review the Incident Report and Disciplinary Action Report to ensure the inmate received due process. New and relevant evidence may be considered. The jail commander may then:

(I) Deny the appeal and approve the penalty;

(II) Modify the sanctions;

(III) Uphold the appeal and dismiss the penalty; or,

(IV) Request further investigation.

(V) The penalty may be imposed immediately.

(VI) After the appeal process, the jail commander will forward the Incident Report, Disciplinary Action Report and Grievance Discipline Appeals Form to the disciplinary officer for distribution and imposition of any penalties.

D. Major Rule Violations: Major rule violations are generally criminal in nature. In addition to handling the incident as a serious violation, the correctional staff may:

1. Document the violation on a Crime Report, and forward the report to the jail operations lieutenant; or,

2. Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit for review and possible follow-up investigation.

3. Upon completion of the review; the case may be submitted to the Butte County District Attorney with a request for prosecution.

III. Emergencies. When the occurrence of an event necessitates immediate action to protect the safety of persons or the security of the facility, disciplinary actions, including hearings and impositions of discipline may be postponed. Such emergency will be declared in writing stating the factual basis for the suspension of these provisions. An emergency situation will be subject to review by the jail commander every twenty-four (24) hours.

IV. Limitations on Discipline:

A. Disciplinary penalties will be directly related to the severity of the violation. Cruel or unusual punishment is expressly prohibited. Acceptable forms of penalties and limitations of penalties are published in the Jail Information Handbook. [\[HOME\]](#)

B. If an inmate is on disciplinary isolation status for thirty (30) consecutive days there shall be a review by the jail commander before the disciplinary isolation status is continued. This review shall include a consultation with health care staff. Such reviews shall continue at least every fifteen days thereafter until the disciplinary status has ended.

C. Disciplinary isolation cells will have the minimum furnishing and space as specified in Title 24. Occupants will be provided clothing and bedding. The decision to deprive an inmate of clothing or bedding items will be based on the inmate's destruction of such items and will be reviewed every twenty-four (24)

- hours by the jail commander.
- D. No inmates will exercise the right of punishment over other inmates.
 - E. In no case will a single cell, holding cell, sobering cell, or restraint equipment be used for disciplinary purposes.
 - F. No inmates will be deprived of hygiene materials.
 - G. Food will not be withheld as a disciplinary measure.
 - H. The disciplinary isolation diet will only be used for Serious / Major rules violations.
 - 1. In addition, the facility administrator will review and approve the initial placement on the disciplinary isolation diet and the medical department will be notified.
 - 2. After placement, the medical staff and the jail commander will approve any continuation on the disciplinary isolation diet every seventy-two (72) hours.
 - 3. No inmate receiving a prescribed medical diet is to be placed on a disciplinary isolation diet without review by the responsible physician or pursuant to a written plan approved by the physician.
 - I. Correspondence privileges will not be withheld except in cases where the inmate has violated correspondence regulations, in which case the privilege can be suspended for no longer than seventy-two (72) hours, without a review and approval of the jail commander
 - J. A supervisor involved in the incident resulting in proposed discipline is prohibited from participating in the administrative process to determine guilt or punishment.
 - K. In no case shall access to the courts and legal counsel be suspended as a disciplinary measure. [\[HOME\]](#)

BUTTE COUNTY JAIL DISCIPLINE APPEAL FORM

Appeal of INCIDENT REPORT/DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT: DATED _____ EVENT # _____

PLEASE PRINT: Inmate's Last Name _____

Inmate's First Name _____

IID # _____

HOUSING LOCATION _____

DATE _____

Minor Violation

Serious Violation

Major Violation

Explain why you want to appeal this disciplinary action:

- Disciplinary penalties assigned for minor rules violations may be appealed to a single review level only. Appeals of minor penalties shall be contemporaneous with the imposition of penalties.
- Disciplinary penalties assigned for serious or major rules violations may be appealed within 24 hours through a first and, if necessary, a second review level.

FIRST LEVEL REVIEW: Penalty affirmed Penalty modified Penalty commuted

Reviewer's Comments _____

Reviewer's Signature and Title _____

Date and Time _____

Inmate accepts or rejects the decision of the reviewer.

Inmate's Signature _____

Date and Time _____

SECOND LEVEL REVIEW: Penalty affirmed Penalty modified Penalty commuted

Reviewer's Comments _____

Reviewer's Signature and Title _____

Date and Time _____

Inmate's Signature _____

Date and Time _____

SECTION V CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS & REHABILITATION

REFERENCE: *California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Department Operations Manual, §54030.*

The below is a listing of items that the Department of Corrections will allow to be accepted when you are transported to their facilities. You are responsible to have your family or friends pickup your personal property prior to being transported. You will be given one week from the time that you are sentenced to state prison to have someone pick-up your personal property. Your personal property will not be stored at the Butte County Jail. Your personal property left behind, and not picked up, will be disposed of 120 days after you depart to the Department of Corrections Reception Center. [\[HOME\]](#)

Reception Center inmates are authorized to possess the following items:

1. 1 Shower Thongs/Slippers
2. 1 Palm Brush
3. 1 Tumbler
4. 1 Comb
5. 1 Toothbrush
6. 1 Religious Medal & Chain
7. 1 Wedding Ring
8. 1 Address Book – No hard covers, not to exceed 3x5 inches
9. 1 Ballpoint Pen – Shall be non-metal and factory sealed
10. 10 Envelopes, Blank

Note: CDCR Reception will permit loose stamps and envelopes with pre-printed postage. They cannot permit envelopes with stamps affixed.

11. 15 Sheets Stationary
12. 1 Legal Pad/Tablet
13. 15 Photos/Portraits – Shall not exceed eight inches by ten inches. Polaroid photos with attached backs are not allowed.
14. Legal materials regarding an inmate's active cases will be authorized.
15. Health Care Appliances
16. Prescription Medication and Glasses
17. Hairpieces are not allowed. [\[HOME\]](#)

SECTION VI FREE ACCESS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

January 4, 2016

BUTTE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS

Myra Bailey	872-6373
Leo Battle	872-6349
Corie Caraway	342-3912
Kristen Cobery	345-5160
Michael Fahey	879-3788
Jodea Foster	894-8650
Braddon Hatch	879-9182
Phillip Heithecker	345-1647
Saul Henson	500-2342
Amy King	538-2145
E. Ryan Lamb	342-1476
Robert Marshall	342-4994
Eric Ortner	891-6128
Robert Radcliffe	891-2815
Dale Rassmussen	343-4168
Ronald Reed	891-2922
Jesus Rodriguez	342-2044
Kevin Sears	345-0885
Mark Stapleton	879-3788
Steven Trenholme	877-9057
Brandon Williams	592-0646

PUBLIC DEFENDERS' PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS:

Gerald Bryson	532-1221
Evie Joseph	533-3911
Kevin MacPhail	873-2687
Pat Maloney	895-3846

Larry Ott	533-3183
James Seaman	521-1673
Leo Trombley	877-4865
<u>Butte County Superior Court</u> (Calendar Clerk)	532-7011
<u>Child Protective Services</u> (Welfare Dept.)	538-7617
<u>Federal Public Defenders' Office</u>	(916) 498-5700
<u>Parole</u> (California Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections)	895-4534
<u>Parole, Juvenile</u> (CDRC, Juvenile Division)	(916) 445-5993
<u>Probation</u> (Adult)	538-7661
<u>Veterans Justice Outreach</u>	1-855-771-9321

REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CONSENT DECREE:

INMATE ADVOCATE & PLANTIFFS' COUNSEL:

Sally Anderson - Attorney at Law 343-7967

Please file a sick slip for medical treatment explaining your medical needs or an inmate request form for all other issues before you contact the inmate advocate. The inmate advocate cannot assist you until you have filed the sick slip, inmate request form or a grievance. [\[HOME\]](#)

SECTION VII COURT HOLDING FACILITY

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The subject areas contained in this section are intended to be read and used by inmates being held in custody, by the Butte County Sheriff, to keep them informed of the rules and procedures that must be adhered to while being held in the following courthouses. [\[HOME\]](#)

1. Butte County Courthouse Main Facility
2. North Butte County Chico Courthouse Facility in Chico

BUTTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MAIN FACILITY:

The Jail Transportation Section brings inmates, housed in the Jail, to the courthouse. Inmates are placed into holding cells with inmates of a compatible classification at the courthouse. Inside the holding cells are benches for seating, intercom buttons for emergencies, adequate lighting, a fountain, toilet, toilet paper, and soap. Deputies are specifically assigned to monitor and assist inmates while they are being held in the holding cells.

LEGAL PROCEDURES: Efforts are made to ensure each inmate held in-custody receives all that they are legally entitled to. Inmate's legal concerns should be brought immediately to the deputy in charge of the holding cell. Some legal matters that pertain to inmates at the courthouse include but are not limited to the following: [\[HOME\]](#)

1. Legal Materials. Inmates are afforded the opportunity to bring necessary legal papers to the courthouse with them. Legal materials shall be subject to search, but not read, by the court deputies or correctional deputies for contraband prior to being brought into the courthouse. This will be done in the presence of the inmate. No ink pens or pencils will remain with the inmate inside the holding cells. Those items will only be issued by request of the inmate or his/her attorney to complete necessary Court or legal documents.
2. Attorney Visits. Inmates in custody have a right to visit with their attorney during each stage of the legal process. The Butte County Courthouse Main Facility contains an attorney-client visiting room. Inmates may visit with their attorneys in the interview rooms by request of their attorney. The deputy in charge of the holding cell area will attempt to accommodate both the attorney and the inmate by placing them inside one of the rooms. Visiting should be done in the Jail, before being transported to the courthouse, to the fullest extent possible.
3. Arraignments. Inmates brought to the courthouse after being arrested on either new charges or an arrest warrant will be provided with a Statement of Rights form. This form contains a list of the inmate's rights pertaining to the charges on which they were arrested. It will be requested that the inmate read the Statement of Rights

form and then sign it if he/she is fully sure that he/she understands his/her rights. The form will then be returned to the deputy in charge of the holding cell area to be forwarded to the court file. Inmates who are unable to speak English or who are unable to read will be provided with an interpreter assigned by the Court to read the Statement of Rights form to them. The interpreter will also assist the inmate with any translation needed during the court arraignment. [\[HOME\]](#)

4. Court Documents. Inmates will be required to sign a written promise to appear and provide his/her home address and telephone number when the inmate is ordered to be released by the Court on his/her own recognizance. He/she will be required to sign an Agreement of Terms form and provide his/her address and telephone number to the Court whenever the inmate is ordered to be released on either formal or informal probation. The forms are returned to the Court to be placed into the appropriate file after being signed.
5. Jury Trials. Inmates who are defendants in jury trials are entitled to wear civilian clothing during the entire trial. Inmates should keep in contact with their attorney to ensure arrangements have been made for this clothing. Inmates may bring their lunch to the courthouse whenever the inmate is a defendant in a jury trial. The inmate shall be responsible to dispose of garbage in the proper containers provided. No food other than that which was issued on the same day will be allowed inside the courthouse. Inmates will be transported to the Jail, at lunch time, or will be provided a lunch as a general rule.
6. Lunches for jury trial inmates, Jail wristbands, authorized legal materials, and religious materials are the only items allowed to be brought from the Jail and into the courthouse.

MEDICAL PROCEDURES: Inmates housed in the courthouses are afforded the same medical care as provided by the Jail. An inmate having a medical problem, affecting their ability to stay at the courthouse while awaiting their case, should immediately bring it to the attention of the Jail transport deputy prior to being transported to the courthouse. Some medical matters that pertain to inmates while being held at the courthouse include but are not limited to the following:

1. Medical Emergencies. An inmate should immediately inform the deputy in charge of his/her holding cell area if the inmate is involved in a medical emergency that requires immediate attention. The affected inmate or another inmate should push the holding cell's intercom button to summon the control deputy. The inmate should inform the deputy of the medical problem and assist the deputy by following his/her instructions. The deputy will give immediate assistance and medical response will be summoned. The inmate will be transported to the Jail in medical non-emergencies.
2. Medical Prescriptions. Inmates taking prescription medications at certain intervals should contact the deputy and inform him/her when they are needed. The Jail medical staff will then be contacted and, if needed, the inmate will be transported to the Jail to receive the medication. Inmates who are prescribed inhalers should

notify the Jail transport deputy in order for him/her to bring the inhaler to the courthouse if medically necessary.

3. Female Inmates. Pregnant inmates who are past the second trimester or at risk will not be required to wear waist restraints or leg restraints unless for security reasons. Medical problems that arise at the courthouse due to the pregnancy should immediately be relayed to the deputy in charge of the holding cell area. Feminine napkins will be promptly provided, by the deputy in charge of the holding cell, upon receiving a request from the female inmates.
4. Other Hygiene. Inmates unable to use the toilet facilities due to being held in restraints should immediately notify the deputy in charge of the holding cell. The inmate may push the intercom button to notify the control deputy if the deputy is not available. A deputy will then respond, in a timely fashion, to remove the restraints from the inmate and allow him/her access to the toilet facilities. The deputy will replace the restraints and place the inmate back into the holding cell when the inmate is finished.
5. Special Needs. Inmates with special physical, mental, or medical needs will be informed that such needs should be brought to the attention of the Jail transport deputy prior to the inmate being transported to the courthouse. Inmates with special physical, mental, or medical needs may necessitate the inmate not be transported in restraints (i.e., pregnant inmate).

FIRE EMERGENCIES: The Butte County Courthouse Main Facility is equipped with a fire alarm panel that specifies the location of a fire related activity within the courthouse. This information is relayed immediately to the control deputy so that he/she is able to immediately assess the reason for the alarm. Deputies will respond in the event of an actual fire within the courthouse. The inmates shall remain calm and follow the instructions of the deputies.

FACILITY RULES: Disciplinary violations in the courthouse are subject to the disciplinary process as applied to Jail violations and will be handled by the Jail staff. Violations of the rules will not be tolerated and the deputies will write-up the incident as necessary. An inmate inside a courtroom who attempts to communicate with an audience member will be considered as making an escape attempt and will be dealt with as such. An inmate who removes his/her restraints without consent of a deputy will be deemed as making an immediate escape attempt and will be dealt with as such. An audience member who attempts to communicate with an inmate may be taken immediately into custody and charged criminally. Inmates must remain away from the door and behind the plainly marked yellow lines while inside the holding cells. Inmates are not to use the intercoms inside the cells for anything other than emergencies or for notifying a deputy of a need to be removed from restraints in order to use the toilet facilities. [\[HOME\]](#)

SECTION VIII FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

Pursuant to Section 4023.6 of the California Penal Code:

Any female prisoner in any local detention facility shall have the right to summon and receive the services of any physician and surgeon of her choice in order to determine whether she is pregnant. The superintendent of such facility may adopt reasonable rules and regulations with regard to the conduct of examinations to effectuate such determination. [\[HOME\]](#)

If the prisoner is found to be pregnant, she is entitled to a determination of the extent of the medical services needed by her and to the receipt of such services from the physician and surgeon of her choice. Any expenses occasioned by the services of a physician and surgeon whose services are not provided by the facility shall be borne by the prisoner.

For the purposes of this section, "local detention facility" means any city, county, or regional facility used for the confinement of any female prisoner for more than 24 hours.

Any physician providing services pursuant to this section shall possess a current, valid, and unrevoked certificate to engage in the practice of medicine issued pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.

The rights provided for prisoners by this section shall be posted in at least one conspicuous place to which all female prisoners have access.

NOTE: ANY FEMALE PRISONER EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE JAIL'S MEDICAL UNIT VIA A SICK CALL SLIP AND REQUEST SUCH MEDICAL SERVICES.

Pursuant to Section 4028 of the California Penal Code:

No condition or restriction upon the obtaining of an abortion by a female detained in any local detention facility, pursuant to the Therapeutic Abortion Act (Chapter 11 <commencing with Section 25950>, Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code), other than those contained in that act, shall be imposed. Females found to be pregnant and desiring abortions shall be permitted to determine their eligibility for an abortion pursuant to law, and if determined to be eligible, shall be permitted to obtain an abortion. [\[HOME\]](#)

For the purposes of this section, "local detention facility" means any city, county, or regional facility used for the confinement of any female person for more than 24 hours.

The rights provided for females by this section shall be posted in at least one conspicuous place to which all female prisoners have access.

NOTE: ANY FEMALE PRISONER EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE JAIL'S MEDICAL UNIT VIA A SICK CALL SLIP AND REQUEST SUCH MEDICAL SERVICES.

Pursuant to Section 3440 of the California Penal Code:

Title 2 of Part 3, Sterilization of Inmates,

1. Sterilization for the purpose of birth control, including, but not limited to, during labor and delivery, of an individual under the control of the department or a county and imprisoned in the state prison or a reentry facility, community correctional facility, county jail, or any other institution in which an individual is involuntarily confined or detained under a civil or criminal statute, is prohibited, except as otherwise permitted by law. [\[HOME\]](#)
2. For additional rights, see “Notification of Rights Regarding Sterilizing Surgeries” below:

**** Notification of Rights Regarding Sterilizing Surgeries****

This is a summary of your rights outlined in Senate Bill 1135, approved by the governor and put into law September 25, 2014 and codified in California Penal Code Section 3440.

A Sterilizing Surgery is a surgical procedure that permanently ends your ability to have children of which some or all of your reproductive parts are removed or altered.

If you are offered a tubal ligation:

- You have the right to refuse. This is illegal in all circumstances. Sterilizations cannot be used in county jail, juvenile facility, or state prison for the purpose of birth control. This means: a sterilizing procedure cannot be used to solely end future chance of pregnancy. Sterilization can only be used in county jail to address a health condition (for example, cervical cancer). Tubal ligations are used only for the purpose of birth control, so if you are offered a tubal ligation, it cannot be for a pre-existing health condition. You have the right to refuse a tubal ligation, and the institution cannot withhold future health care treatment you may need, as a form of retaliation. This also means no hospital or clinic providing care during pregnancy and birth can offer you a tubal ligation while you are in custody.

If you are diagnosed with a health condition and offered a sterilizing procedure as treatment:

- Examples of a sterilizing procedure include: a hysterectomy (removal of your uterus), an oophorectomy (removal of your ovaries), and a salpingectomy (removal of the fallopian tube). This is not a comprehensive list so be sure to ask your doctor if the procedure they are recommending is a sterilizing procedure.
- Ask to see a second doctor who does not work for the county department overseeing your confinement. You have the right to see a second doctor who does not work for the county jail before deciding that you would or would not want a sterilizing procedure.
- Ask for less invasive, less permanent remedies. You do not have to try less invasive, less permanent remedies, but less invasive, less permanent remedies than sterilization must

be offered to you before you receive a sterilizing procedure. (For example, fibroids can be shrunken or removed during surgery without taking out the uterus.)

- Ask for full information about the sterilizing procedure. You must be told the full effects of the sterilizing procedure, including its permanence, side effects, and the impacts it may have on your future health care needs.

At this point, if you have refused the less invasive, less permanent remedy, OR if a second doctor that does not work for the county department recommends a sterilizing procedure to take place, AND if you have been given full information about the sterilizing procedure, a doctor may lawfully provide a sterilizing procedure on you.

Note: If the sterilizing procedure is needed for the immediate preservation of your life, a doctor may lawfully provide a sterilizing procedure to you without satisfying your rights listed above.

If you have a sterilizing procedure while in county jail, a juvenile facility, or state prison...

- Ask for psychological and/or medical follow-up care. Sterilizing procedures can impact one's psychological, physical, and emotional wellbeing. You have the right to follow up health care to address your psychological, physical, and emotional wellbeing. You may also need hormone therapy to address surgical menopause, and other care to help you recover from the surgery. [\[HOME\]](#)

SECTION IX

VOTING

POLICY: Inmates confined in the Butte County Jail shall be allowed to correspond with the Butte County Clerk/Registrar of Voters or the County Elections Official in their county of residence to make application for an absentee voter's ballot. [\[HOME\]](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Inmates shall not use the Butte County Jail as their place of residence.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

You can register to vote and vote if you are:

- A United States of America citizen;
- A resident of California;
- At least 18 years of age on or before the next Election Day;
- Not currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and
- Not found mentally incompetent by a court of law;

ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE:

- In county jail serving a misdemeanor sentence. A misdemeanor never affects your right to vote.
- In county jail because jail time is a condition of probation.
- On probation.
- On mandatory supervision.
- On post-release community supervision.
- **Done** with parole. When you complete your parole. Your right to vote is **automatically restored** when you complete your parole. You just need to fill out a voter registration application using a paper voter registration card.

NOT ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AND VOTE:

- Currently imprisoned:
 - In state prison.
 - In county jail serving a state prison sentence.
- Currently on parole

Criminal Justice Realignment Act

In 2011, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed the Criminal Justice Realignment Act (Realignment). Under Penal Code section 1170(h), low-level felons are sentenced to county jail and/or supervision by the county probation department instead of state prison. Realignment has caused some confusion about voting rights among people who have criminal convictions. The chart above provides an explanation of who is eligible and who is not eligible to register to vote in California. California Penal Code section 2910 allows the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR) to make agreements with local governments to house

felons in a county jail or other correctional facility. For more information, please visit CDCR's website <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/realignment/index.html>. If you have questions about your voting rights, please contact your parole or county probation office.

PROCEDURE:

- STEP ONE:** The Butte County Clerk/Registrar of Voters will notify the Jail Administrative Sergeant of the deadline for registering to vote and the last day for requesting a vote by mail ballot. The Jail Administrative Sergeant will then notify the inmates, by memorandum, of said dates and instruct the inmates to review the Jail Information Handbook for the procedures to follow.
- STEP TWO:** Inmates may request a voter registration form and/or an application for a vote by mail ballot, from the Utility Officer, by using a Request Form.
- STEP THREE:** Inmates are to complete the voter registration form and/or the application for a vote by mail ballot and give the completed form(s) to the housing deputy. The forms will be forwarded to the utility officer who, in turn, will forward the forms to the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters. If the voter provides address for another county, the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters will forward materials to the respective county. The county of residence will mail a voting materials packet to the voter.
- STEP FOUR:** Inmates who requested a vote by mail ballot will have their voting materials packet picked up by the utility officer and transferred to the jail for delivery to the inmate.
- STEP FIVE:** Inmates are to vote by ballot, seal the ballot in the return envelope, and give the ballot to the housing deputy. The voted ballot will be forwarded to the utility officer who, in turn, will take the ballots to the Butte County Elections Office for receipt no later than the day before Election Day. Ballots, to be mailed to another county, must be postmarked Election Day and received no later than 7 days before Election Day by the respective county. [\[HOME\]](#)

SECTION X PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

POLICY: It is the policy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office to present a zero tolerance policy toward sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment of those in our custody. Furthermore, there will be no tolerance for retaliation of any sort, against those who report or cooperate with the investigations of these acts. It shall be the policy of the Sheriff's Office to promptly and thoroughly investigate and immediately address all allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment of those in our custody, to include criminal and administrative sanctions as appropriate. Those contracted, employed by, or volunteering for the agency are subject to disciplinary actions up to and including termination for violation of this policy. All staff has an affirmative duty to report all allegations or knowledge of sexual abuse, harassment, or any sexual misconduct involving inmates that takes place within any Sheriff's Office facility. Failure to report is akin to committing the act and punishable as such. Staff who suspect sexual harassment or abuse of an inmate by other staff shall immediately notify their supervisor. This notification may be made in private, but shall occur immediately upon obtaining the knowledge. [\[HOME\]](#)

PURPOSE: To comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), preventing sexual harassment and assault of those in the custody of the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

AUTHORITY:

California Penal Code §6030
California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, §1027
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA, 2003)
Departmental Orders 5003, 5006, 5010, 5016, 5017, 5033, 5048 and 5070

I. DEFINITIONS: For the purpose of this order, the following definitions are provided:

- A. **INTERSEX:** A person whose sexual or reproductive anatomy or chromosomal pattern does not seem to fit typical definitions of male or female. Intersex medical conditions are sometimes referred to as disorders of sexual development.
- B. **JAIL:** A confinement facility whose primary use is to hold persons pending adjudication of criminal charges, persons committed to confinement after adjudication of criminal charges, or persons adjudicated guilty who are awaiting transfer to a correctional facility.
- C. **PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT:** The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 was signed into law by President George W. Bush. The purpose of this law is to protect inmates at all levels from sexual assault from other inmates and facility staff. These standards became effective August 20, 2012 and all agencies must be in compliance by August 20, 2013.
- D. **SEXUAL ABUSE:** Sexual abuse can be committed by inmates or detainees, staff, contractors, and volunteers. It includes contact of the genitals or other parts of the suspect's body with the genitals, anus, mouth or other body parts of the victim as defined by the California Penal Code. This is to include any penetration, however slight.

- E. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature, or requests for sexual favors to an inmate or detainee, by another inmate or detainee, staff member, contractor, or volunteer.
- F. **TRANSGENDER:** A person whose gender identity (i.e., internal sense of feeling male or female) is different from the person's assigned sex at birth.
- G. **VOLUNTEER:** An individual donating their time to the agency for the benefit of the inmates.
- H. **VOYEURISM:** An invasion of privacy of an inmate or detainee by staff for reasons unrelated to the official duties, for the purpose of sexual gratification.

II. PROCEDURE: The Butte County Sheriff's Office PREA Coordinator is the Programs Lieutenant.

A. REPORTING AND INVESTIGATIONS:

1. All complaints of sexual harassment, abuse, or assault upon inmates or detainees shall be investigated and documented by the Sheriff's Office.
2. Inmates may report sexual harassment, abuse, or assault, retaliation for reporting, or staff indifference to any employee, volunteer or contractor. These reports can be made verbally or in writing through message requests, grievances, letters, or any other medium. Additionally, these reports can be made by third parties on behalf of the inmate.
3. Employees shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously and from third parties such as advocates or family members. All reports shall be immediately documented, with the appropriate duty station notified of the event, so the investigation may begin immediately.
4. While preliminary investigations may be conducted by jail Correctional Deputies, all criminal investigations of sexual abuse shall be conducted by investigators from the Sheriff's Investigation Unit. These detectives shall have received specific training in investigating sexual assaults. Whenever available, in-custody sexual abuse allegation will be investigated by detectives who have received specific training in investigating sexual assaults in custodial environments.
5. All incidents of consensual sexual contact between inmates, in addition to being documented in a disciplinary/incident report, shall be investigated and documented in a Criminal Report.
6. Copies of all completed reports and investigations shall be forwarded to the facility PREA manager and the agency PREA Coordinator.

7. Upon completion of an investigation involving an inmate's allegation that he/she was sexually abused in the Butte County Jail, the inmate shall be informed as to the final determination of the investigation (Sustained, Not Sustained, and Unfounded).
 8. Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member committed a sexual assault against the inmate, unless the allegation is determined to be unfounded, the Sheriff's Office shall inform the inmate of the following whenever:
 - a. The staff member is no longer assigned to the inmate's housing unit
 - b. The staff member is no longer employed/assigned at the facility
 - c. The staff member has been indicted/criminally charged related to abuse within the facility.
 - d. The staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
 - e. This notification shall be made via a letter to the victim.
 1. Following an allegation by an inmate that he/she was abused by another inmate, the victim shall be informed whenever:
 - a. The alleged abuser has been indicted/criminally charged on charges related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
 - b. The alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to abuse within the facility.
 - c. These notifications shall be made via letter to the victim.
 2. Staff who suspects sexual harassment or abuse of an inmate by other staff shall immediately notify their supervisor.
 3. The completed investigation shall be retained in the agency file for no less than ten years.
- B. VICTIM ADVOCACY: All victims shall be afforded the opportunity to have a Victims Rights Advocate made available to them upon arrival at the hospital for treatment and counseling after their treatment, at no cost. The Butte County Sheriff's Office has Memorandums of Understanding with the following Victim's Rights agencies.
1. Rape Crisis Center Chico, CA (530) 342-7273 [\[HOME\]](#)

SECTION XI SELF ADMINISTRATION MEDICATION PROGRAM

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE: Title 15, Section 1216; Pharmaceutical Management, IMQ Accreditation Standards 403. [\[HOME\]](#)

PURPOSE:

50.1. To facilitate the timely delivery and administration of “safe prescription drugs” to incarcerated inmates who meet the program criteria.

50.2. To encourage the inmate to take responsibility for his/her own health.

POLICY:

1. Butte County Jail inmates who meet defined safety and compliance criteria may be allowed to carry on their person and self-administer approved unit dose packaged medications which have been identified as having no or low overdose potential or trade value. Excluding inmates assigned to administrative segregation housing units.
2. Eligible inmates will be expected to take responsibility for the storage and administration of approved medications prescribed for them, following instructions for self-administration by the Health Care Provider.
3. There are several categories of Medication **not** included on the self-medication program.
4. Inmates will not be placed on the self-medication program if prohibited for custodial reasons.
5. Inmates with a repeated history of failure on the program (at least 2 prior failures in the past two calendar years) will not be considered again.
6. The health care providers, in collaboration with custody personnel will select inmates for the self-medication program.
7. Inmate must understand that allowing self-medication is a privilege, revocable if the rules are not followed
8. Health care staff will perform documented assessments of inmate compliance with self-administration medication regimens. Compliance evaluations are done with sufficient frequency to guard against hoarding medication and deterioration of the inmate’s health. Re-evaluation by sick call nurse, PA/MD are done as appropriate.

9. Health services and custody staff will work cooperatively to insure the consistent enforcement of self-medication rules by notifying the other party of any violation of rules regarding self-administration.

MONITORING AND NON-COMPLIANCE:

Those inmates demonstrating non-compliance or inability to self-administer will receive their medications from the health care staff.

Non-compliance with self-administration will be defined as any violation of the rules, including failure to show when called for spot check, or pill count being off by more than one day; 24-hour dose equivalent.

A no show for spot check is unacceptable. The inmate must be found. If the inmate is a no show because he was in court, then he/she must be seen later the same day. If the no show was because he/she did not want to get up etc., it will be considered non-compliance.

For the above violations, the inmate will be counseled once. If any of the violations occur again, the inmate will be removed from the program.

Inmates found to be using medication as barter will be referred to custody for disciplinary action. These inmates will also be removed from the program.

TRANSFER/RELEASE OF INMATE WHO IS ON SELF-MEDICATION PROGRAM:

1. If an inmate is transferred to another facility, all pertinent information about the inmate's medication/s will be documented on the Inter-facility Transfer Form. The inmate's medication will be picked up by the nurse and returned to the medical department. If she/he is not available, then the deputy may drop the medication off before inmate's transfer.
2. Inmates released from custody may take any remaining medications with them. If the inmate fails to take the medication upon release from custody, the medication shall be returned to the medical department. [\[HOME\]](#)