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| <b>POLICY &amp; PROCEDURE:</b> | <b>18.22</b>                                                         |
| <b>UNIT:</b>                   | <b>Detention and Corrections</b>                                     |
| <b>CHAPTER:</b>                | <b><i>Reentry &amp; Support Services and Programs</i></b>            |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                | <b>Inmate Marriages</b>                                              |
| <b>ISSUED DATE:</b>            | January 1, 1998                                                      |
| <b>REVISION DATE:</b>          | <b>December 19, 2024</b>                                             |
| <b>NOTES:</b>                  |                                                                      |
| <b>RELATED ORDERS:</b>         | Court Services P&P <a href="#">2.29</a><br>P&P <a href="#">17.03</a> |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>            |                                                                      |

**PURPOSE:** To establish the procedure whereby inmates may be married while in custody.

**POLICY:** Inmates may be married while in the custody of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office at the Santa Rita Jail (SRJ). All weddings will be conducted in visiting booths, during normal visiting hours, in accordance with standard visiting procedures.

**PROCEDURE:**

**A. MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS:**

1. Federal Inmates must submit a written request to the United States Marshall's Service.
2. Marriages will be conducted in visiting booths, during normal visiting times, in accordance with standard visiting procedures. For all intents and purposes, the wedding ceremony is a regular inmate visit.
3. The bride and groom are responsible for contacting ministers, completing required forms, and meeting all legal requirements for getting married. Jail chaplains ***nor volunteers are permitted to*** perform inmate marriages.
4. Papers and documents that need to be notarized by the inmate must be done through ***Reentry & Support*** Services.
5. Inappropriate behavior during the ceremony, or the visiting period thereafter, will be cause for termination of the ceremony and/or visiting period.
6. No special exchange of inmate clothing will be allowed.
7. Inmates may have a marriage ceremony arranged via their attorney and the trial judge. By order of the Sheriff, no inmate will be transported to court for the sole purpose of a wedding. The ceremony must be held in conjunction with a previously scheduled court date. Court marriages will be conducted in accordance with the Court's Policy and Procedure 2.29, "Inmate Marriages."