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<p><b>Detainee Security</b></p>			

**I. General Considerations and Guidelines**

The focus of this policy is the care, safety and security of detainees being held in the custody of this department.

While detainees are being held in police custody, the Billerica Police Department is responsible for their well-being. Even though detainees are normally housed for only short periods of time, the environment of a police lockup can become volatile and emotionally charged, as evidenced by incidents of detainee suicide and injury. Post-arrest detention is a time when the emotional impact of the arrest becomes evident to many detainees. Persons with mental illness, persons who are intoxicated due to drug or alcohol use, drug addicts, and persons who are charged with domestic violence are particularly prone to actions which may cause injury to themselves or others. Strict adherence to procedures governing the monitoring of detainees and the restrictions set on bringing of weapons and tools into the cell block area are necessary to ensure facility security, officer safety and detainee well-being.

**II. Policy**

It is the policy of the Billerica Police Department to operate the holding facility in a manner which ensures detainee and officer safety while protecting the constitutional rights of detainees.

**III. Procedures**

**A. Detainee Supervision**

1. Accountability for detainees
  - a. Upon each change of shift, the off-going Officer in Charge (OIC) or his designee shall inform the incoming OIC or his designee of the number of persons being detained in the holding facility.
  - b. The off-going dispatcher shall inform the incoming dispatcher of the number of persons being detained in the holding facility.
  - c. This briefing shall include:
    - 1) Any bail status;
    - 2) Suicide risks;
    - 3) Injuries, medical or medication issues;

- 4) Need for a Jenkins hearings;
  - 5) Detainees at other facilities (hospital, KEY program, etc.) and;
  - 6) Any safety concerns.
- d. The incoming OIC or his designee shall conduct a physical check of each detainee to verify the number of persons being held. In any event, such detainee count shall be done at least once every eight hours.
  - e. Prior to and immediately after each use, the OIC or his designee shall conduct a security check of each unoccupied cell for weapons and contraband.
2. Detainee monitoring under normal conditions
    - a. There shall be a twenty-four-hour per day supervision of detainees by department staff.
    - b. The OIC or his designee shall be responsible to ensure regular checks are made of each detainee and such checks are properly recorded.
    - c. Detainee checks may be made by physically looking in the cell to observe the detainee and listening to the sounds emanating from the cell area to ensure the detainee is not in crisis. Such physical checks shall normally be made at least every thirty minutes.
    - d. Additional detainee checks may be augmented by:
      - 1) Looking at the detainee on the cell video monitor and listening to the sounds emanating from the holding cell; and
      - 2) If either audio or video is inoperative, or there is any question as to the condition of the detainee, physical checks shall be made.
    - e. Checks of the detainee shall be documented by using the CAD entry for Cell Inspection, the cell check recording system or, if such system is inoperative, by logging the checks on paper.<sup>i</sup>
  3. Suicidal detainees
    - a. The OIC or his designee shall be immediately notified of any detainee who exhibits any signs or symptoms of suicidal behavior, answers in the affirmative to any questions on the suicide risk screening during booking, or whose name appears on the CJIS Suicide Risk File, or Q5 query.
    - b. The OIC or his designee shall determine if a detainee should be placed on suicide watch. A detainee shall be placed on suicide watch if:
      - 1) The booking screening indicates a suicide risk;
      - 2) The detainee exhibits signs or symptoms of suicidal behavior;
      - 3) The detainee threatens to commit suicide;
      - 4) The detainee attempts to commit suicide;
      - 5) The detainee's name appears on the Q5, Suicide Risk File; or
      - 6) The detainee is brought to a hospital for a mental health evaluation, released, and returned to the police holding facility.

- c. The level of a suicide watch shall be proportional to the degree of the detainee's suicide risk.
  - d. The OIC or his designee shall consider the detainee's charges, mental state, behavior and other factors and determine if the detainee should be transported to a hospital for a mental health evaluation. See the department policy regarding **Handling the Mentally III (OPS-16)**.
  - e. In-Station Incidents: Whenever any detainee attempts or threatens suicide within the holding facility, the OIC shall do the following:
    - 1) Write an incident report.
    - 2) Prior to the end of the shift, but within twenty-four hours of such incident, enter the detainee's name and other required information into the CJIS Suicide Risk File.<sup>ii</sup>
    - 3) If a detainee attempts or threatens suicide while in police custody and is transferred to another holding facility, the OIC or his designee is responsible to notify the receiving facility, **in writing**, of the exact nature of the attempt or threat. A copy of the suicide risk form shall accompany the detainee to the next facility and shall be given to the accepting staff.<sup>iii</sup>
  - f. In the event an individual brought to a hospital or medical facility for a suicide evaluation is returned to the holding facility for detainment, the OIC or his designee shall institute a suicide watch until such time as the detainee is released from custody or transferred to another agency.
4. Suicide watch
- a. Suicide watch may include:
    - 1) Awareness of the detainee's condition and behavior;
    - 2) Physical checks of the detainee may be from constant observation to thirty minutes determined by the OIC; and
    - 3) Periodic audio monitoring of the detainee's cell.
5. Monitoring detainee activities
- a. Monitoring detainees of the opposite sex
    - 1) Detainees should be supervised by department staff of the same sex as the detainee. When this is not possible, there should be at least two employees present during all physical contact with detainee(s) of the opposite sex.
    - 2) Employees monitoring detainees of the opposite sex shall respect the detainee's privacy rights within the limits of facility security. A matron shall supervise all female detainees to which a matron is assigned.<sup>iv</sup>
  - b. Audio and video monitoring
    - 1) Any video monitors and audio listening devices installed in the cell block areas shall be turned on whenever a person is placed into one of the cells in the holding facility and shall be left on as long as anyone is being detained there.
    - 2) In order to accommodate the personal privacy rights of individuals held in the facility:

- a) When a detainee speaks to his/her attorney, the audio listening devices will be turned off during the visit. The video shall remain on and be monitored for the protection of all persons present.
  - b) When a detainee is using the toilet facility, the audio and visual devices will be turned off for a short time if an officer or other monitor is present to help ensure security and safety.
- 3) Cell monitoring equipment is never to be used for covert purposes.

## **B. Medical Care**

### 1. First responder

- a. No department employees shall be allowed to go beyond the scope of their training in administering to the emergency or special medical needs of any person held in the custody of this department (i.e., CPR, First Responder, EMT, etc.).
- b. All detainees will be asked if they require medical evaluation during the initial booking process. If the detainee refuses medical attention, the detainee will sign the supplemental booking form noting the medical refusal.
- c. EMS personnel shall be called when any detainee requests and/or is deemed in need of medical attention.
- d. A log entry shall be created for all medical assistance received by a detainee.
- e. When a detainee is transferred to an area hospital, [s]he shall be transported by ambulance to the Emergency Room of the departmentally specified hospital. For further information, see the department policy on **Transportation of Detainees (PRI-1)**.

### 2. Medication

- a. Detainees are permitted to take any necessary medication, over-the-counter or prescription, specifically prescribed in writing by a licensed medical provider, provided that the administration of the drugs is requested by the detainee.
  - 1) Only the quantity of medication specified by the prescribing practitioner shall be given to the detainee. The detainee may only receive the dosage of medication as noted on the label, and the administering officer must witness the detainee taking the medication
  - 2) Any medications brought in by a detainee, or given to him/her in the course of any treatment [s]he may require while in department custody, shall be retained with the detainee's property.
  - 3) If there is any question concerning the administration of medications, the OIC or his designee may either confer by telephone with a qualified medical physician or pharmacist before administering the medication, paramedics may be called, or the detainee may be transported to the hospital and the medication administered there.
  - 4) The OIC or his designee shall maintain a written record of any medications administered to a detainee in the comment section of the booking sheet.

**NOTE:** MGL c.94C, § 9 prohibits the administration of a controlled substance by non-licensed persons. This policy simply affords a detainee the opportunity to self-administer prescribed medicine in accordance with label directions.

## C. Handling Violent, Intoxicated, Self-destructive Persons

### 1. Detention

- a. The priority of police actions in dealing with violent, self-destructive, or intoxicated detainees is the protection from injury of the police staff, other detainees, and the detainee.
- b. Segregation or additional restraints shall not involve any other penalty other than the segregation or restraint. There shall be no abridgment of rights or privileges that would normally be granted to any other detainee.
- c. Any detainee who is uncontrollable due to the influence of alcohol or drugs, or is violent or otherwise self-destructive, shall, if transportation or removal to a detoxification or other mental health facility is not feasible, be placed in a single occupancy cell as deemed appropriate by the OIC or his designee. Under no circumstances shall this type of detainee be placed in a cell occupied by another person.
- d. All detainee behavior which requires segregation, restraint, transfer, or police response shall be documented in an incident report.
- e. Such detainee shall be continuously monitored. The detainee's behavior should be taped or otherwise captured on video and audio and the recording preserved.

### 2. In-cell restraint

- a. If, in the judgment of the OIC or his designee, a detainee becomes violent or uncontrollable, the detainee may be restrained while in the cell. Such restraint may include the use of:
  - 1) Handcuffs;
  - 2) Waist chains; and
  - 3) Restraint chair.
- b. Due to the risk of positional asphyxia, detainees should never be "hogtied".

### 3. Harmful conditions

- a. Conditions
  - 1) If the suspect displays impaired thinking, disorientation, hallucinations and/or delusions, intense paranoia, violent and/or bizarre behavior and during the arrest exhibited great strength and/or a diminished sensitivity to pain, the individual may be showing signs of excited delirium. These suspects are at an increased risk of sudden death.
  - 2) Persons suffering from cocaine intoxication, particularly if additional alcohol is used, are subject to increased blood pressure, heart rate and body temperature. Sudden death may occur in such persons.
  - 3) Psychiatric patients who display hyperthermia (over heating), are in and out of consciousness and have lumpiness of skeletal muscles may be suffering from neuroleptic malignant syndrome and may also be prone to sudden death.
- b. Precautions
  - 1) Detainees displaying these symptoms should be checked by EMS personnel.

- 2) Such detainees should be closely monitored through video and audio monitoring or physical monitoring, if such monitoring can be done without further exciting the detainee.
4. Transfer of custody: In cases where the detainee's actions pose a definite threat to the safety of the staff, other detainees, the detainee, or the security of the holding facility, the OIC or his designee may attempt to make arrangements with the Billerica House of Correction for transfer to their custody.
5. In-cell arraignment
  - a. In the event that detainee's actions pose a definite threat to the safety of the staff, other detainees, the detainee, or the security of the holding facility, the OIC or his designee may request the detainee be arraigned in the holding cell.
  - b. Such arraignment may be followed up by a release from custody or transfer to the Sheriff's Department.

#### **D. Sexual Harassment & Abuse of Detainees**

1. The Billerica Police Department has zero tolerance with regard to all forms of sexual harassment and sexual abuse toward detainees.
2. A law enforcement officer who:
  - a. Has Sex with a detainee, or
  - b. Indecently assaults a detaineeCan be charged with rape or indecent assault and battery by appropriate Massachusetts General Laws
3. Any employee who witnesses sexual harassment or sexual abuse of a detainee shall report their observations to the Officer in Charge. There will be zero tolerance for any retaliation towards an employee who reports alleged sexual abuse or sexual harassment of detainees.

#### **E. Meals**

1. Three meals will be provided to each detainee during each twenty-four-hour period. Meals shall be provided at regular meal times; however, no more than fourteen hours shall elapse between any meals.
2. Detainee meals shall be provided by the Billerica House of Correction.
3. Meals provided shall be documented in the ARMS CAD log.
4. The content of meals should be substantial enough to provide adequate nourishment.<sup>v</sup>
5. Within the parameters of cost effectiveness and available resources and whenever possible, any special diet which is required in accordance with treatment prescribed by a licensed physician will be granted.
6. Meals and food brought to a detainee by a family member or friend are discouraged, but may be provided at the discretion of the OIC or his designee. All meals or food shall be subject to search prior to being allowed into the holding facility.

7. No metal eating utensils or containers are allowed in the cell block area. All eating utensils shall be flexible, disposable plastic and shall not be re-used.
8. Drinking cups shall be disposable plastic or paper. No common cups shall be shared among detainees. <sup>vi</sup> No cups shall be re-used.
9. All containers shall be removed from the cell upon completion of the meal.

## **F. Entering Cell Area**

1. Generally
  - a. Except during an emergency, such as a fire, firearms are not allowed in the cell area.
  - b. Whenever an officer closes a cell door to secure a detainee, the officer shall check the door to ensure that it is securely locked.
  - c. If any problems in securing a cell door are encountered:
    - 1) The detainee shall be moved to an operational cell;
    - 2) The cell shall be taken out of service;
    - 3) The OIC or his designee shall be notified; and
    - 4) The holding facility manager shall be notified to make arrangements for repair.
2. Occupied cells
  - a. An officer or paramedic may only enter an occupied cell when:
    - 1) At least one other officer is present, the officer is being actively monitored by another employee through audio-visual equipment, or is carrying a panic alarm;
    - 2) A medical or other emergency exists; or
    - 3) When releasing a detainee from custody.
  - b. Cells may be entered for the purpose of:
    - 1) Feeding the detainee;
    - 2) Providing blankets to the detainee;
    - 3) Removing refuse;
    - 4) Providing medication;
    - 5) Checking on the status of a sleeping or unconscious detainee;
    - 6) Conducting medical evaluations;
    - 7) Restraining the detainee; and
    - 8) Other necessary law enforcement purposes.
  - c. Nonessential personnel
    - 1) Nonessential personnel will generally not be allowed access to the holding area while any cell in that area is occupied by a detainee. Escorted access may be authorized by a supervisor.
    - 2) Repairs or maintenance shall not be conducted in an occupied cell.

- 3) Members of the media shall have access to the cell block area only when the area is unoccupied, unless specifically authorized by the Chief of Police.
- 4) Tour groups shall be allowed in the cell block area only when the cell block is unoccupied.
- 5) When nonessential persons are granted access to the detainee holding area, their presence should not violate a detainee's privacy, impede facility operations, or frustrate future prosecutions.

## G. Detainee Visitors

### 1. Detainee visits

#### a. Generally

- 1) Person held in police holding facilities do not have a right to visits.
- 2) Visits to detainees are discouraged.
- 3) No visits shall take place unless authorized by the OIC or his designee.

#### b. Approved Visitors

- 1) Parents or guardians of juveniles may be approved.
- 2) An attorney representing the detainee may be approved.
- 3) Consular officials (foreign nationals) may be approved. See the department policy on **Consular Notifications (OPS-22)**.
- 4) Immediate family members may be approved.
- 5) Relatives who are not immediate family or friends of the detainee do not have visitation rights. It will be the decision of the OIC or his designee regarding any special or extenuating circumstances which might justify such individuals being allowed to visit the detainee.

#### c. Visitor Security

- 1) Visitors must show positive picture identification, preferably a driver's license;
- 2) Visitors must be notified, prior to gaining access to the cell block area, [s]he and his/her belongings are subject to a search and, at the discretion of the OIC or his designee, submit to a search upon entrance to and exit from the area.
- 3) Visitors must be documented with name, address, and relationship to the detainee.
- 4) The time the visitor enters and leaves the cell block is documented.
- 5) An officer shall be in the cell block area during any visit, except an attorney's visit with his/her client.
- 6) No personal belongings of visitors (including pocketbooks and backpacks) are allowed into the cell block.

### 2. Items left for detainee

- a. Friends and family members may be requested by a detainee to leave change of clothing for court, medications, and other personal items.
- b. Any mail, packages, or other items to be given to a detainee shall be examined thoroughly by the OIC or his designee before being given to the detainee.

- c. The OIC or his designee may authorize the following list of items:
    - 1) Clothing and shoes for court;
    - 2) Prescribed Medications in a marked container (subject to inspection);
    - 3) Identification;
    - 4) Factory-sealed beverages in plastic containers, no metal;
    - 5) Food (see meals, this policy); and
    - 6) Reading material at the discretion of the OIC
  
  - d. Detainees are prohibited from receiving the following items:
    - 1) Weapons
    - 2) Tools
    - 3) Sealed Mail or packages
    - 4) Unmarked Medications or substances
    - 5) Metal Utensils or containers
    - 6) Any item an OIC deems unsafe for delivery to detainee. This can include, but not limited to:
      - Items that may assist in a detainee escape attempt
      - Items that can cause harm to the detainee or Department personnel
  
  - e. A record shall be made of all items received by the detainee in his/her property record. No item will be given to a detainee without the approval of the OIC.
  
  - f. Items not specifically authorized under this policy or allowed by the OIC or his designee may not be left for or provided to detainees.
  
  - g. Distribution of items:
    - 1) Clothing may be exchanged for clothing worn by the detainee. Detainee shall not have extra clothing in the cell.
    - 2) Food items may be given to the detainee.
    - 3) Medication may be given to the detainee in accordance with this policy. See **Medication** in this policy.
    - 4) Other items shall be stored with the detainee's property unless otherwise directed by a supervisor.
3. Access to counsel
- a. Attorneys do not have an absolute right of access to a detainee.
  - b. Barring a specific right to counsel, attorneys may have access to a detainee:
    - 1) If approved by the OIC or his designee;
    - 2) If the detainee agreed to meet with the attorney;

- 3) If the operation of the Billerica Police Department will not be unduly disrupted; and
  - 4) If staffing allows.
- c. Attorneys shall comply with visitor security rules, or they will not be admitted.
  - d. An attorney may meet with a detainee in the detainee's cell or an interview room, provided:
    - 1) Audio monitoring devices are turned off in respect to the attorney to client privilege;
    - 2) An officer remains in the general vicinity of the cell or room, out of hearing, but within sight if possible; and
    - 3) The visit is monitored via video by a department employee for the safety of any persons present.

#### **H. Release/Transfer of a Detainee**

1. Bail and probable cause hearings: Bail is determined by the bail commissioner. Probable cause is determined by the Clerk or Assistant Clerk of Courts. For further information see the department policy on **Detainee Processing**.
2. Releasing detainee
  - a. Detainee Identity: Verify which detainee is to be released.
  - b. Positively Identify the Detainee prior to release: The releasing officer shall positively identify the detainee to be released is, in fact, the correct detainee. Positive identification may be ascertained from another employee, or by checking the identification of the detainee against the description, booking photo, cell number, etc.
3. Transfer to another agency: See department policy **Transportation of Detainees (PRI-1)** for procedures to follow when a detainee is transferred to another agency or to court.
4. Juveniles: See department policy on **Handling Juveniles (OPS-15)** for procedures to follow when a juvenile is to be released.

#### **I. Supervising Detainees at the Hospital**

1. Generally
  - a. Trips outside of the confines of the holding facility present detainees with an increased opportunity to assault staff members or escape. Accomplices mixed in with the public may take officers by surprise. Officers must remain vigilant while supervising detainees at a hospital.
  - b. The OIC or his designee may determine if rotating staff at hospital posts is necessary and the duration of each rotating shift.
2. Transportation
  - a. The OIC or his designee will create a log entry and an incident report for any detainee transported to a hospital. See the department policy on **Transportation of Detainees (PRI-1)**.

3. Accountability
  - a. Detainees brought to a hospital for a mental health evaluation shall remain the responsibility of the transporting officer until such time custody is transferred to the receiving hospital's personnel.
  - b. Detainees brought to a hospital under arrest shall remain the responsibility of the supervising officer until relieved by another officer, the custody of the detainee is transferred to another entity, the detainee is bailed, or the detainee is returned to the holding facility.
4. Notification of hospital police
  - a. When a detainee is transported to a hospital, the OIC or his designee shall notify the hospital police or security as well as necessary hospital staff.
  - b. The hospital police or security and hospital staff shall be advised of any unusual risks or circumstances.
5. Security of detainee
  - a. The OIC or his designee will assign the appropriate number of officers to adequately and safely transport violent or high security risk detainees.
  - b. Officers may employ a higher level of security and vigilance for such detainees than is presented in this policy.
  - c. The detainee shall remain restrained while at the hospital unless the removal of restraints is required for medical reasons. The following restraints are acceptable:
    - 1) Detainee handcuffed with hands in front and hands together;
    - 2) Detainee handcuffed one hand to the bed, stretcher or gurney; and
    - 3) Leg restraints.
  - d. The supervising officer shall remain in the area of the detainee at all times, unless medical necessity dictates otherwise. In such an event, the officer should attempt to remain in a position to monitor the detainee as best [s]he can to prevent the escape of the detainee.
  - e. The supervising officer must remain alert for others who may assist the detainee in escaping or harm the detainee.
  - f. The supervising officer must be aware of potential weapons in the immediate are of the detainee.
6. Emergency treatment
  - a. The supervising officer shall accompany the detainee through registration and triage. His/her knowledge may be helpful to medical staff in evaluating the detainee's claims of sickness or injury.
  - b. For the purpose of planning and staffing, the supervising officer should make periodic inquiries as to the progress of the evaluation and treatment, and keep the OIC up to date.

## 7. Admittance

- a. In the event that the detainee is admitted, the supervising officer should, for safety and security purposes, request the detainee be placed in a private room. A private bathroom with a single door is preferable.
- b. The supervising officer should advise the OIC of the nature of the situation, room number, room telephone number and estimated length of in-patient treatment.
- c. The supervising officer shall sweep the interior of the room, closets, and bathroom for potential weapons within reach of the detainee.
- d. The supervising officer must remain in the room or just outside of the room, but always within site of the detainee.

## 8. Eating

- a. The supervising officer should advise hospital staff the detainee should be fed using disposable plates, cups and dinnerware.
- b. Prior to being given to the detainee, the supervising officer should visually inspect any meals or beverages.

## 9. Bathroom

- a. Prior to being used by the detainee, the bathroom should be checked for potential weapons or routes of escape.
- b. If the bathroom is shared with an adjoining room, prior to being used by the detainee, the door for the other room should be locked. If the door locks from the inside only, the adjoining room door should be locked and the detainee's door should remain open. The supervising officer may be mindful of the detainee's privacy, but must remain vigilant to the possibility of the detainee using the other door to escape.
- c. If necessary, the detainee may be un-restrained to use the bathroom. The officer shall stay within sight/sound of the detainee.
- d. If the detainee needs assistance in using the bathroom, hospital staff must assist the detainee. The supervising officer should not lift or steady the detainee.

## 10. Visitors

- a. Detainees are under arrest and in police custody.
- b. The visitation policy that applies to the holding facility applies to the hospital as well. Detainees will have no personal contact with anyone other than Hospital personnel.
- c. If an attorney arrives at the hospital to speak to the detainee, the shift supervisor shall be notified by the Officer in charge of the detainee. Reasonable efforts will be made to locate a room where an attorney can speak to the detainee privately without jeopardizing safety and security of the Officer & detainee.
- d. Detainees are prohibited from using the hospital room telephone for personal calls. The hospital phone will only be used by the detainee to speak to an attorney who has been verified by the shift supervisor.

## 11. Bail or arraignment

- a. In the event a detainee will be admitted to a hospital for an extended period of time, the OIC or his designee will notify the bail commissioner of the situation and a decision will be made in regards to bailing the detainee at the hospital.
- b. The OIC or his designee may also request the court arraign the detainee at the hospital.

## 12. Release: Upon release of the detainee from the hospital, the supervising officer shall:

- a. Obtain, in writing, any prescriptions and dosage instructions;
- b. Obtain, in writing, any instructions for care of the detainee, including follow-up visits, while in custody;
- c. Advise the OIC or his designee of the release from the hospital and the return trip to the holding facility;
- d. Transport the detainee back to the holding facility;
- e. Return the detainee to the holding cell;
- f. Brief the OIC or his designee on any medications, care, or return visits while in custody, and if necessary, create written instructions for subsequent shifts; and
- g. Have the dispatcher annotate the return time in the log.

## J. Receiving Persons from Outside Agencies

1. M.G.L. c. 40 §37 requires that “lockups shall at all reasonable hours be accessible to the state police, sheriffs, constables and police officers for any legal and proper use.”<sup>vii</sup>
2. Detainees may be held for other agencies. For information on detainee intake, see the department policy on Detainee Processing.
3. Unless bailed, released, or transferred, detainees shall be returned to the custody of the delivering agency.
4. For further information, see **Release/Transfer** of Detainees in this policy.

## **K. Escapes**

1. In the event of an escape of a detainee from the department's holding facility:
  - a. The OIC or his designee shall immediately broadcast to all patrol units the name and a description of the escapee, the estimated time of escape, whether armed, whether on foot or in a vehicle, the possible direction of travel, and any other pertinent information.
  - b. Under the direction of the OIC or his designee, an immediate search shall be conducted using all appropriate personnel.
  - c. The dispatcher should consider contacting local cab companies to inquire if requests have been made for pick-ups and to alert them for possible fares.
  - d. The OIC or his designee will broadcast all necessary information to adjoining area departments and agencies.
  - e. As soon as possible, a message shall be sent over the CJIS system, advising other departments and agencies of the situation.
  - f. Complete a written report of the incident.
2. Should the escapee be caught, the OIC or his designee, using appropriate communications channels, will notify other law enforcement agencies of this fact.

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<sup>i</sup> M.G.L. c. 40, §36B.

<sup>ii</sup> M.G.L. c. 40, §36A.

<sup>iii</sup> M.G.L. c. 40, §36A.

<sup>iv</sup> M.G.L. c. 147, §19.

<sup>v</sup> M.G.L. c. 40, §34.

<sup>vi</sup> 105 CMR 470.150; 151.

<sup>vii</sup> M.G.L. c. 40, §37: "...and a keeper thereof neglecting to keep it so accessible, or refusing to said officers the use of the same, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars."