

Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

Chapter 4 — Operations

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Section Title: Strip/Body Cavity Searches
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I. Policy

- A. This policy will regulate the use of strip searches/body cavity searches of a person(s) who has not been admitted to the Clive temporary booking facility (6-1-1.) This policy will comply with all federal and state laws governing the search and will generally be an action of the pre or immediate post arrest/investigatory action.
- B. This department recognizes that the use of strip/body cavity searches are very intrusive. If the subject of the search is a juvenile, the search can be traumatic. The search of juveniles will fall under this policy and the State Code of Iowa 804.30; however, prior to the search an attempt to contact the parent(s) or legal guardians shall be made.

II. Procedures

- A. Nothing in this policy shall restrict an officer from immediately removing a weapon from a person if the officer believes the weapon is an immediate danger to themselves or others.
- B. A strip search is defined as requiring a person remove some or all of the person's clothing so as to permit a visual inspection or physical probe of the genitalia, buttocks, anus, female breasts or undergarments of the that person or the physical probe of any body cavity.
- C. A body cavity search is either a visual search or a manual internal inspection of body cavities for contraband.
- D. A person arrested or detained shall not be subjected to a strip/body cavity search unless there is probable cause to believe the person is concealing a weapon or contraband and written authorization of the supervisor on duty is obtained.
- E. A strip/ body cavity search shall only be conducted under the following conditions:

1. Authorization of a supervisor prior to performing the search. The authorizing supervisor shall approve the final report on the incident.
 2. A search warrant supported by probable cause is obtained prior to the search.
 3. If the warrant for the strip/body cavity search is obtained, the detainee will be transported to the Polk County or Dallas County Jail, depending upon the jurisdiction of the offense. The procedures of the affected jail will be followed.
- F. The written report will contain the following information:
1. The name of the person subjected to the search.
 2. The names of the people conducting the search.
 3. The time, date, and place of the search.
 4. A Copy of the search warrant.
 5. All details leading to the probable cause for the search warrant.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Cannon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

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