

PARADISE VALLEY POLICE GENERAL ORDER

Arrests and Temporary Custody of Delinquent or Incorrigible Juveniles

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- 44.1.1 Temporary Custody for Delinquency or Incorrigibility (<u>A.R.S. §8-303</u>)
- A. A peace *officer shall* take a child into temporary custody for delinquency or incorrigibility when:
 - 1. there is *probable cause* to believe that the child has committed a criminal or delinquent act, which if committed by an adult could be a felony or breach of the peace, or
 - 2. the child has been apprehended in commission of the criminal or delinquent act, which if committed by an adult could be a felony, or in fresh pursuit, or
 - 3. pursuant to an order of the juvenile court, or
 - 4. pursuant to a warrant
- B. A peace officer may take a child into temporary custody
 - 1. when the *officer* has *probable cause* to believe that the juvenile has committed a delinquent act, or
 - 2. the child is incorrigible (which includes a child who is habitually truant or who is a runaway, A.R.S. 8-201)
- C. The decision whether to arrest a juvenile will generally follow the usual practice when dealing with an adult arrested for a similar crime, with additional consideration of the circumstances related to the age and experience of the offender. Pursuant to state law, officers may release juveniles only to a parent, guardian or custodian of the juvenile, or to the juvenile court. Officers must also comply with statutorily mandated sight and sound restrictions for the holding of juveniles who have been arrested.

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- D. Depending on the situation and the offense, juveniles who are *arrested may* be cited for the offense using an Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint citation (ATTC) (if included in *G.O. #44.5* below) and *may* be released on a paper referral to a parent or guardian, or *may* be taken to the *County Juvenile Center*.
- E. The requirements for taking a juvenile into custody as a suspected victim of abuse or neglect is set forth in G.O. 44.9.



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