



PARADISE VALLEY POLICE GENERAL ORDER

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- A. If a prisoner is or appears to be sick or injured, complains of illness or injury, or has a pre-existing medical illness or injury that requires medical attention, the *officer shall* obtain any necessary medical attention for the prisoner. Special attention *should* be paid to:
1. **Pregnant women:** Unless required by statute, pregnant women *shall* not be booked on misdemeanor charges unless approved by a *supervisor*.
 2. **Diabetics:** When their diabetes is not under control, a diabetic person *may* behave in a manner that would make them appear to be intoxicated. If there is any reason to believe that the person to be booked is having a diabetes related issue, medical assistance *should* be provided.
 3. **Mentally ill persons:** If a prisoner appears to be suffering from mental illness, the *officer should* consider the need for voluntary or involuntary commitment, under the procedures in *G.O. #41.11.4*.
- B. *Officers shall* advise responding paramedics or hospital staff of their observations of the subject's condition (loss of consciousness, vomiting, etc.) and of any physical activity (fight, use of force, etc.) that the *officer* observed the individual participating in. *Officers shall* document the situation fully in a *DR*, detailing the circumstances surrounding the need for and provision of medical care. Photographs of injuries *shall* be taken when appropriate to do so.
- C. Those who are transported to a hospital shall be under guard during transport and at the hospital, until either released pending a long-form complaint, cited and released or booked into jail.
- D. When EMS personnel determine the prisoner *will* be transported, the *officer shall* contact a *supervisor* to determine whether the prisoner, prior to transport, is to be cited and released, released pending a long-form complaint, or maintained in custody. If possible, those charged with misdemeanors who are to be transported *will* be released. The guarding of a misdemeanor offender will be performed only in exceptional cases and only with the approval of a supervisor.



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- E. Any individual *arrested* for a felony who is admitted to a hospital *shall* be guarded on a twenty-four (24) hour basis until booking can be completed. If the person is not kept under guard, then the person *shall* not be *arrested*. Instead, the incident *will* be referred to detectives for follow-up and issuance of charges.
1. Prisoners under guard *will* be restrained using a method that prevents escape, provides safety for *personnel* and does not hinder medical care. Immediate family *will* generally be allowed supervised visitation. Visitors *will* be frisked for weapons or contraband and *will* not be permitted to carry personal items.
 2. The prisoner's attorney *will* be allowed to visit a client after verification that the person is in fact the prisoner's attorney. The attorney *shall* also be frisked for weapons, but *shall* be permitted to communicate privately with the prisoner. The *officer* is required to maintain a visual presence during the visit.
- F. Persons who are treated and released *shall* be transported to jail and booked. The usual requirements for transporting prisoners *may* need to be modified to accommodate the prisoner's physical condition. When the prisoner is booked, *officers will* verbally advise the booking staff at the jail of the treatment received and any medications or instructions provided, and *shall* provide the medical release. This communication *shall* be documented in the *DR*.
- G. *Officers shall* not sign any forms accepting financial responsibility for the medical treatment of prisoners.