

## Blood Extractions

### 1502.1 COURT ORDERED BLOOD EXTRACTIONS

It is the policy of the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) that no blood extractions, including those court ordered, will be taken forcibly from a suspect or inmate/arrestee by an outside law enforcement agency at any jail facility. Only OCSD Deputies are authorized to perform a forced blood extraction at the jail pursuant to court order or search warrant and is limited only to Triage Room #4 at the Intake and Release Center, a designated medical area within the facility, a designated medical area in the housing location, or an approved county area hospital.

- (a) Blood extractions will be performed due to issuance of a court order or a search warrant.
- (b) When a court order or search warrant for drawing of blood is received, the Watch Commander will advise the Sergeant. The Sergeant, or assigned Deputy, will attempt to gain voluntary compliance following procedures outlined in [CCOM Section 1500.2 - Refusal to Provide Sample](#).
  - 1. Voluntary Compliance
    - i. In those situations where blood is voluntarily taken, the inmate/arrestee will be escorted to a facility medical station or other secure area for blood extraction by a department approved laboratory technician. A Deputy will remain with the inmate/arrestee until the process is completed and the inmate/arrestee returned to their regular housing location or the booking loop.
- (c) When all attempts to obtain voluntary compliance have failed and the inmate continues to refuse to provide a sample, reasonable force may be used. Procedures for performing a forced blood extraction shall be followed as outlined in [CCOM Section 1500.2\(e\) - Refusal to Provide Sample](#).
- (d) The Sergeant will direct a Deputy to take the inmate/arrestee and the court order to the Triage Room #4 at the IRC. In the event a contract phlebotomist is not available at the IRC, a Deputy will utilize an approved county area hospital. The inmate/arrestee will be escorted to the Triage area to await transportation by a Transportation or Patrol Deputy.

### 1502.2 BLOOD SAMPLE - CHAIN OF CUSTODY

- (a) The laboratory technician who responds for blood withdrawal will maintain the chain-of-custody of the blood sample. The inmate/arrestee will then be returned to their housing location or the booking loop.

### 1502.3 DOCUMENTATION

- (a) The assigned Deputy will document the day, date, time, and names of the laboratory technician and inmate/arrestee on a Jail Incident Report. They will give a brief

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description of the circumstances and attach a copy of the court order. If the inmate/arrestee is escorted to an area hospital, the Jail Incident Report will contain the name of the Transportation Deputy and the reason for transport.

- (b) In the event a Use of Force occurs, refer to the [OCSD Policy Manual \(Lexipol\) Section 300 - Use of Force](#).
- (c) The video footage from the department issued handheld video camera will be placed into Sheriff's Property/Evidence utilizing the policies and procedures outlined in the [OCSD Patrol Operations Manual \(POM\) Section 19 - Evidence and Section 44 - Tagging and Booking Property](#), and the [OCSD Policy Manual \(Lexipol\) Section 802 – Property and Evidence](#).