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SUBJECT: Investigating Psychologically Impaired Persons

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I. PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for University Police Department personnel as they respond to, investigate and care for any individual who may be psychologically impaired to the extent that they are unable to care for themselves or others, or who represent a threat to themselves or others.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the University Police Department to respond as soon as

- (1) When any University Police officer assumes custody of a patient, the person shall be restrained by handcuffing to mitigate the opportunity for the person to harm him/herself or others.
  - (2) When a patient is handcuffed, it is not an arrest (as per 5157 WIC), but only a restrained medical custodial procedure for the purposes of transportation to an area care facility.
  - (3) The transporting of any ~~not~~ handcuffed person deemed psychologically impaired shall only be done with the prior approval of the ~~city~~ Watch Commander.
- (e) Any person who voluntarily commits him/herself for advanced psychiatric care shall also be transported to an area care facility by University Police when asked to do so. University Police will honor these requests whether they are made by a medical professional, family member or friend, or the patient.
- (1) The University Police Department will transport persons voluntarily committing themselves for advanced care so as to ensure the continued safety of the patient.
  - (2) When the officer assumes custody of the patient, the person shall be restrained by handcuffing to mitigate the opportunity for the person to harm him/herself or others.
  - (3) When a patient is handcuffed, it is not an arrest (as per 5157 WIC), but only a restrained medical custodial procedure for the purposes of transportation to an area care facility.
  - (4) The transporting of any ~~not~~ handcuffed person deemed psychologically impaired shall only be done with the prior approval of the ~~city~~ Watch Commander.
  - (5) Once taken into custody, a person who is deemed in need of psychiatric care by voluntary or involuntary commitment can only be released to a care facility who will make the decision as to when and under what conditions to release the patient. In no case will an officer take back a patient once they have delivered a patient to a care facility.
- (f) Whenever an officer of the University Police Department is summoned to investigate an individual who may be psychologically impaired, and that investigation leads to a voluntary or involuntary hold and transport of the patient for advanced care, the officer will prepare a written report detailing the investigation.
- (g) In all cases, an individual's rights will be preserved as provided by Section 5150 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.

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