SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL

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SUBJECT:    MENTALLY ILL CLIENT

POLICY

Probation Officers are responsible for referring a probationer to a qualified person for the purpose of a psychiatric evaluation when there is probable cause to believe the probationer is, as a result of a mental disorder, a danger to others or to himself or herself or is gravely disabled.

PROCEDURES

A.      Statutory Authority

1.      Sections 5150 and 5585 of the Welfare and Institutions Code authorize that a person may be detained involuntarily for 72 hours for evaluation if he/she is:

a.      A danger to self as a result of a mental disorder, (or)

b.      A danger to others as a result of a mental disorder, (or)

c.      Gravely disabled

   (i)      Adult - 5008H (h) (1) Welfare and Institutions Code: A condition in which a person, as a result of a mental disorder, is unable to provide for his/her basic personal needs for food, clothing, and shelter. (This does not include persons with intellectual disabilities by reason of that disability alone.)

   (ii)     Juvenile – 5585.25 Welfare and Institutions Code: A minor (youth) who, as a result of a mental disorder, is unable to use the elements of life that are essential to health, safety, and development, including food, clothing, and shelter, even though provided to the youth or others. (Intellectual disability, epilepsy, or other developmental disabilities, alcoholism, other drug abuse, or repeated antisocial behavior do not, by themselves, constitute a mental disorder).

B.      General Guidelines
1. If a professional evaluation appears necessary, the officer shall immediately notify the appropriate unit supervisor, or highest-level management staff in the absence of the supervisor, at any time a probationer appears to be a threat to themselves or others.

2. The officer shall provide the client with the following information orally or in writing:
   a. My name is ______________
   b. I am a peace officer.
   c. You are not under criminal arrest, but I am taking you for an examination by mental health professionals

3. If the client is taken into custody at his or her own residence, he/she shall be provided with the following information:
   a. You may bring a few personal items with you, which I will have to approve.
   b. Please inform me if you need assistance turning off any appliances or water.
   c. You may make a telephone call and leave a note to tell your friends or family where you have been taken.

4. The officer(s) shall transport the client to the Mental Health Crisis Unit for an evaluation by Mental Health clinicians.
   a. Adult: 1212 N. California Street, Stockton, California 95202
   b. Juvenile: 1414 N. California Street, 2nd Floor, Stockton, California 95202

5. The client shall be transported by a minimum of two probation officers.

6. Prior to transportation to the Mental Health Crisis Unit, the client shall be searched.

7. If the client exhibits violent or threatening behavior, officers shall contact the local law enforcement agency for assistance.