



# PRISONER TRANSPORTATION

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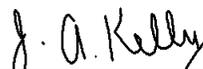
## I. POLICY

It is the policy of this agency to transport prisoners with the highest regard for the safety of the public, the transporting agent, and the prisoner. Transportation by law enforcement agencies of persons who are in custody is a constant requirement and a frequent activity. As law enforcement personnel perform prisoner transport, they should be prepared to provide adequately for the safety and security of the prisoner, the transporting agent(s), and the public. The transporting agent is responsible for the safety and custody of the prisoner being transported.

## II. PROCEDURES

- A. A search of the prisoner by the transporting agent is required in **every** case, before being transported. It must be assumed that the prisoner may have had an opportunity to obtain contraband or a weapon prior to the time he or she is accepted for transport. It should never be assumed by the agent that someone else has searched the prisoner. Prisoners should be searched each time they come into a transporting agent's custody.
- B. Prisoners are to be restrained during transport. At a minimum, the prisoner will be handcuffed behind the back. The handcuffs will be double – locked. The prisoner will be seat belted if the vehicle has seatbelts. Agents will ensure that prisoner restraints do not injure the prisoner. A prisoner is not to be handcuffed to any part of a vehicle.
- C. Vehicles that are used to transport a prisoner should be searched before a prisoner is transported and after a prisoner is transported. This is to ensure that no contraband or items that could be used as a weapon is present.

## III. CANCELLATION: None.

  
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