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526.1 PROCEDURE

526.1.1 GENERAL BODY SCAN USE

- (a) All youth, with the exception of those suspected or confirmed to be pregnant, shall be subject to a body scan during the intake process
- (b) Only officers that have successfully completed training on the body scanner shall operate the body scanner equipment
- (c) All authorized officers conducting the body scan or otherwise within sight of the visual display of the body scan (e.g., monitor, image) shall be of the same sex as the youth being scanned, or the gender of the youth's search preference as stated on the Transgender Preference form (See PC 4030; 15 CCR 1352.5). Furthermore, the body scanner viewing monitors shall not be in direct view of other youth. The primary use of the body scanner is to scan youth being booked into a facility
- (d) Youth attending professional visits shall not be scanned unless there is reason to suspect security has been breached. The Watch Commander shall be notified immediately of the suspicious activity and shall have the discretion to have the youth scanned
- (e) The body scanner shall not be utilized to scan any other person without prior approval from the Division Chief or designee
- (f) Watch Commander authorization is needed to scan any person not being booked or in custody in circumstances when such person is an immediate threat to public safety or campus security (e.g., the person is suspected of concealing a weapon within their body)

526.1.2 BODY SCAN DURING INTAKE PROCESS

- (a) The Intake Officer is to take control of the youth when the arresting officer arrives at the facility. This will allow the arresting officer to complete their required paperwork
- (b) Upon the completion of the search, the youth shall be escorted to the body scanner equipment. See the Youth Searches Policy
- (c) The youth shall not be permitted to use the restroom prior to being scanned
- (d) The youth is directed to stand still on the marked footprints and look at the figure painted on the wall of the machine. Whenever possible and based on the youth's demeanor, the handcuffs shall be removed to obtain a better scan of the youth. However, the handcuffs can be repositioned from behind the youth to the front allowing their hands to be raised above their head during the scan, or a waist restraint cuffing system can be applied
- (e) The officer shall conduct a full-body scan of the youth following the manufacturer's approved body scanner policy. The scan will take approximately 4 seconds

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- (f) If the scan result is clear, the officer shall return the arresting/transporting officer's handcuffs and inform them to continue with the booking process
- (g) Physical force shall not be used to compel a youth's cooperation in the body scanning process without a court order/warrant

526.1.3 BODY SCAN ANOMALIES

When any contraband is found on youth, the officer conducting the scan shall adhere to the following:

- (a) Inquire with the youth to identify the contraband and ask the youth to voluntarily turn over the item(s)
- (b) If the item(s) discovered on youth is believed to be a weapon(s), additional officers will be quickly summoned to assist in retrieving and securing the weapon(s) as quickly and safely as possible
- (c) All removed contraband shall be given to the arresting/transporting officer
- (d) If the youth refuses to turn over the contraband voluntarily, the Watch Commander shall be notified immediately. The Watch Commander shall have the authority to accept or reject the youth. If the youth is accepted, he shall remain on constant visual
- (e) Once the officer has obtained the item(s), the youth shall need to be re-scanned (secondary body scan) to verify all contraband was removed
- (f) If the contraband is discovered inside the youth's body and/or the youth is unable or unwilling to remove the item, the Watch Commander and medical staff shall be notified immediately. If the youth has not been accepted by the institution, the youth will be returned to the custody of the arresting/transporting officer for transport to the hospital
- (g) When the youth is transported back from the hospital to the campus, the Intake Officer is to start the search and booking process over again and re-scan the youth to verify all contraband was removed

526.1.4 BODY SCAN FOR IN-CUSTODY YOUTH

To prevent the introduction, transfer, or concealment of weapons, drugs, and contraband inside the campus, all in-custody youth may be scanned at any time. No specific articulable facts are required beyond the routine security precautions necessary to safeguard the safety and security of the campus and the health and welfare of the youth population. Body scan shall be required following:

- (a) Youth returning to the campus from court
- (b) Youth returning to the campus from an outside medical appointment
- (c) Youth returning from social or professional contact visits
- (d) Youth workers returning to their cottages after performing their assigned duties
- (e) Youth returning from temporary furlough or any other event that caused the youth to be removed from the secure area of the campus
- (f) Youth who demonstrate signs or symptoms of drug intoxication

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- (g) Youth who is subject to an in-custody or criminal investigation involving weapons, drugs, or contraband
- (h) Information known to any officers or staff member that would indicate a youth or group of youth, may be in possession of weapons, drugs, or contraband

526.1.5 BODY SCAN REFUSALS AND COMBATIVE YOUTH

Youth who are combative and/or refuse to cooperate with the scanning process shall be placed into an observation/holding cell where their activities can be monitored. If the youth's charges, history, or behavior would otherwise qualify them for a strip search, the Watch Commander shall be notified immediately.

526.1.6 X-RAY

Imaging studies [e.g., Computerized Tomography (CT) scan, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), or X-ray] are medical tools typically used for medical purposes (i.e., screening tests and diagnostic studies).

- (a) When necessary, an imaging study may be performed on youth and by order of a qualified health staff after a medical encounter/evaluation
- (b) Officers may request an investigative X-ray examination on youth to identify contraband for use as direct evidence in disciplinary action, and/or criminal investigative X-rays must have prior approval from a supervisor
- (c) After a supervisor approval has been obtained, officers shall notify the imaging technician that the X-ray is for investigative purposes only
- (d) Physical force shall not be used to compel a youth's cooperation in the investigative X-ray process without a court order/warrant