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428.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The immigration status of individuals alone is generally not a matter for police action. It is incumbent upon all employees of this department to make a personal commitment to equal enforcement of the law and equal service to the public regardless of immigration status. Confidence in this commitment will increase the effectiveness of the Department in protecting and serving the entire community.

428.2 DEPARTMENT POLICY

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has primary jurisdiction for enforcement of the provisions of Title 8, United States Code dealing with illegal entry.

When assisting ICE at its specific request, or when suspected criminal violations are discovered as a result of inquiry or investigation based on probable cause originating from activities other than the isolated violations of 8 USC § 1304; 8 USC § 1324; 8 USC § 1325 and 8 USC § 1326, this department may assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

428.3 PROCEDURES FOR IMMIGRATION COMPLAINTS

Persons wishing to report immigration violations should be referred to the local office of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The Employer Sanction Unit of ICE has primary jurisdiction for enforcement of Title 8, United States Code.

428.3.1 BASIS FOR CONTACT

Unless immigration status is relevant to another criminal offense or investigation (e.g., harboring, smuggling, terrorism), the fact that an individual is suspected of being an undocumented alien shall not be the sole basis for contact, detention, or arrest.

428.3.2 SWEEPS

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office does not independently conduct sweeps or other concentrated efforts to detain suspected undocumented aliens.

When enforcement efforts are increased in a particular area, equal consideration should be given to all suspected violations and not just those affecting a particular race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status or other group.

The disposition of each contact (e.g., warning, citation, arrest), while discretionary in each case, should not be affected by such factors as race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or socioeconomic status.

428.3.3 ICE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

If a specific request is made by ICE or any other federal agency, this department will provide available support services, such as traffic control or peacekeeping efforts, during the federal operation.

Members of this department should not participate in such federal operations as part of any detention team unless it is in direct response to a request for assistance on a temporary

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basis or for officer safety. Any detention by a member of this department should be based upon the reasonable belief that an individual is involved in criminal activity.

428.3.4 IDENTIFICATION

Whenever any individual is reasonably suspected of a criminal violation (infraction, misdemeanor or felony), the investigating deputy should take reasonable steps to determine the person's identity through valid identification or other reliable sources.

If an individual would have otherwise been released for an infraction or misdemeanor on a citation, the person should be taken to the station and given a reasonable opportunity to verify his/her true identity (e.g., telephone calls). If the person's identity is thereafter reasonably established, the original citation release should be completed without consideration of immigration status.

428.3.5 ARREST

If the deputy intends to take enforcement action and the individual is unable to reasonably establish his/her true identity, the deputy may take the person into custody on the suspected criminal violation (see Vehicle Code § 40302(a) and Penal Code § 836, if pertinent to the circumstances). A field supervisor shall approve all such arrests.

428.3.6 BOOKING

If the deputy is unable to reasonably establish an arrestee's identity, the individual may, upon approval of a supervisor, be booked into jail for the suspected criminal violation and held for bail.

A person detained exclusively pursuant to the authority of Vehicle Code § 40302(a) for any Vehicle Code infraction or misdemeanor shall not be detained beyond two hours for the purpose of establishing his/her true identity. Regardless of the status of that person's identity at the expiration of two hours, he/she shall be released on his/her signature with a promise to appear in court for the Vehicle Code infraction or misdemeanor involved.

428.3.7 NOTIFICATION OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Whenever a deputy has reason to believe that any person arrested for any offense listed in Health & Safety Code §11369 or any other felony may not be a citizen of the United States and the individual is not going to be booked into county jail, the arresting deputy shall cause ICE to be notified for consideration of an immigration hold.

If a deputy has an articulable belief that an individual taken into custody for any misdemeanor is an undocumented alien, and after he/she is formally booked there is no intention to transport to the county jail, ICE may be informed by the arresting deputy so that ICE may consider placing an immigration hold on the individual.

In making the determination whether to notify ICE in such circumstances, the deputy should, in consultation with a supervisor, consider the totality of circumstances of each case, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Seriousness of the offense
- (b) Community safety
- (c) Potential burden on ICE
- (d) Impact on the immigrant community

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Generally, deputies will not need to notify ICE when booking arrestees at the county jail. Immigration officials routinely interview suspected undocumented aliens who are booked into the county jail on criminal charges and notification will be handled according to jail operation procedures.

428.4 CONSIDERATIONS PRIOR TO REPORTING TO ICE

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is concerned for the safety of local citizens and thus detection of criminal behavior is of primary interest in dealing with any person. The decision to arrest shall be based upon those factors which establish probable cause and not on arbitrary aspects. Race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and socioeconomic status alone are of no bearing on the decision to arrest.

All individuals, regardless of their immigration status, must feel secure that contacting law enforcement will not make them vulnerable to deportation. Members should not attempt to determine the immigration status of crime victims and witnesses or take enforcement action against them absent exigent circumstances or reasonable cause to believe that a crime victim or witness is involved in violating criminal laws. Generally, if a deputy suspects that a victim or witness is an undocumented immigrant, the deputy need not report the person to ICE unless circumstances indicate such reporting is reasonably necessary.

Nothing in this policy is intended to restrict deputies from exchanging legitimate law enforcement information with any other federal, state or local government entity (8 USC § 1373; 8 USC § 1644).

428.4.1 U-VISA/T-VISA NONIMMIGRANT STATUS

Under certain circumstances, federal law allows temporary immigration benefits to victims and witnesses of certain qualifying crimes (8 USC § 1101(a)(15)(U); 8 USC § 1101(a)(15)(T)). A declaration/certification for a U-Visa/T-Visa from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services may be completed on the appropriate U.S. DHS Form supplements (I-918 or I-914) by law enforcement and must include information on how the individual can assist in a criminal investigation or prosecution in order for a U-Visa/T-Visa to be issued.

Any request for assistance in applying for U-Visa/T-Visa status should be forwarded in a timely manner to the Detective Bureau sergeant assigned to supervise the handling of any related case. The Detective Bureau sergeant should do the following:

- (a) Consult with the assigned detective to determine the current status of any related case and whether further documentation is warranted.
- (b) Review the instructions for completing the declaration/certification if necessary. Instructions for completing Forms I-918/I-914 can be found on the U.S. DHS website.
- (c) Contact the appropriate prosecutor assigned to the case, if applicable, to ensure the declaration/certification has not already been completed and whether a declaration/certification is warranted.
- (d) Address the request and complete the declaration/certification, if appropriate, in a timely manner.
- (c) Ensure that any decision to complete or not complete the form is documented in the case file and forwarded to the appropriate prosecutor. Include a copy of any completed declaration/certification in the case file.

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428.4.2 HUMAN TRAFFICKING T-VISA

Deputies and their supervisors who are assigned to investigate a case of human trafficking shall complete the above process and documents needed for a T-Visa application within 15 business days of the first encounter with the victim, whether or not it is requested by the victim (Penal Code § 236.5).

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: FOREIGN NATIONALS (ALIENS)

APPROVED BY: Captain Ed Wilkinson, Facility Manager

DATE: August 1, 2004

No. B-011

REVISED: July 15, 2014

REFERENCES:

AB4 California Trust Act
AB4 California Trust Act Qualifications (B-011 APX)
Article VI, clause 2 Constitution of the United States
Consular Notification and Access 3rd Edition
Consular Notification and Access Reference Card
G.O. A-016
Government Code 7282
Government Code 7282.5
PC 834b
PC 834c(c)
United States Title 8 Sec 1325 & 1326
Vienna Convention on Consular Relations

POLICY:

The purpose of this procedure is to provide Humboldt County Correctional Facility personnel with the legal requirements pursuant to Article 30 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, which sets forth certain rights of foreign nationals from member countries when arrested, detained or imprisoned by law enforcement officials in this country and to comply with the AB4 California Trust Act (Government Code §7282, *et. seq.*).

DEFINITIONS:

Consular Officers – Is a citizen of a foreign country employed by a foreign government and authorized to provide assistance on behalf of that government to that government's citizens in a foreign country.

Foreign National – Anyone who is not a citizen of the United States. A person with dual-citizenship, U.S. and foreign, is not a foreign national. The term Alien can be used interchangeably with foreign national.

Secure Communities – A verification process that occurs when an individual is fingerprinted to determine their citizenship.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. All foreign nationals are entitled to consular notification and access, regardless of their visa or immigration status in the United States.
2. All foreign nationals when arrested or detained must be advised of the right to have their consular officials notified. This notification is to be done by the arresting officer prior to booking. In some cases, consular officials must be notified of the arrest or detention of a foreign national, regardless of the national's wishes. If this is deemed necessary the notification will be completed by jail staff.
3. The list of mandatory notification countries and jurisdictions is listed in the Consular Notification and Access booklet. This booklet is located on the Supervisor's desk in Processing.
4. Suggested statements to arrested or detained foreign nationals are in the Consular Notification and Access booklet. Translations of the statement into selected foreign languages are also available in the booklet.
5. The Department of Homeland Security / Bureau of Immigration Customs Enforcement shall be notified on all foreign nationals with green cards and undocumented foreign nationals.
6. In most instances Foreign Nationals being referred to the DHS / ICE will have to be interviewed prior to a Detainer being placed, either by phone or in person.
7. The HCCF will honor federal arrest warrants or court orders signed by a magistrate or judge and not just an administrative detainer from ICE.

PROCEDURE: Consular Notification and Access


1. Correctional Staff will determine the foreign national's country. In the absence of other information, assume this is the country on the passport or other travel documents carried by the arrestee. **(The Consular Notification and Access Reference Card shall be available in the booking area for reference)**
2. If the foreign national's country is not on the mandatory notification list, Correctional Staff shall:
 - a. Offer, without delay, to notify the foreign national's consular officials of the arrest / detention.

- b. If the foreign national asks that consular notification be given, notify the nearest consular officials of the foreign national's country without delay.
3. If the foreign national's country is on the list of mandatory notifications, Correctional Staff shall:
 - a. Notify that country's nearest consular officials, without delay, of the arrest/detention.
 - b. Tell the foreign national that you are making this notification.
4. Notifications made in procedure 2 and 3 shall be done by FAX. Fax numbers to foreign embassies and consulates in the United States are listed in the booklet. When notification is made, the FAX will be placed in the foreign national's booking file.

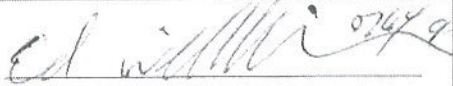
PROCEDURE: Notification to the Department of Homeland Security / Bureau of Immigration Customs Enforcement

1. Correctional Staff who identifies an arrestee as a possible Foreign National shall:
 - a. Verify place of Birth. In the absence of other information, assume this is the country on the passport or other travel documents carried by the arrestee.
 - b. Attempt to verify legal residency status by checking for a Green Card.
 - c. Ask the arrestee directly, "What is your legal status?" Exceptions are those persons born to parents of United States citizens who were employed by the United States Government. Also, persons born to United States citizens and have a United States Consulate Birth Certificate.
2. The Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement routinely places Detainers on arrestees who are Visa holders (Green Card or have a Temporary Residence Card) meeting the below criteria:
 - a. All felony arrests
 - b. All felony convictions
 - c. Misdemeanor arrests involving domestic violence
 - d. Felony drug convictions reduced to misdemeanors
 - e. Multiple DUI convictions
3. The Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement routinely places Detainers on arrestees who are Foreign National without documentation meeting the below criteria:
 - a. All felony arrests and convictions
 - b. All misdemeanor arrests involving domestic violence

- c. All misdemeanor convictions involving drugs (Exception: HS 11357(b))
 - d. All times when Rap Sheets/FBI Cover Sheet/Parole Records/Wants and Warrants Sheets and results from LIVE SCAN showing a history of previous deportation or Illegal Criminal Alien Status.
4. All Foreign Nationals shall be fingerprinted to ensure verification through Secure Communities and the Live Scan response shall be maintained in the booking file.
 5. Once a valid federal arrest warrant or court order that has been signed by a magistrate or judge is received, the individual is qualified for deportation under Government Code Section 7282.5 (a)(6) of the California Trust Act. (AB4 California Trust Act Qualifications B-011 APX)
 6. A copy of the Warrant shall be made for the Transportation Officers and the original shall be stapled on the left side of the booking folder. In addition, an ICE hold alert will be entered into the JMS.
 7. Once the Foreign National is clear of local charges, the Shift Supervisor or designee shall book the Foreign National on the Title 8 Sec 1325 or 1326 Warrant and notify our Transportation Officers who will then coordinate the Foreign Nationals transport with DHS/ICE.
 8. In the event that DHS/ICE identifies an individual as being eligible for deportation, but does not provide a federal arrest warrant or court order, every attempt shall be made to inform DHS/ICE of the individuals expected release date.
 9. DHS/ICE will be allowed to pick up those individuals who are subject to deportation and meet the qualification of AB4 California Trust Act who do not have a federal arrest warrant or court order on their day of release.
 10. Under no circumstance shall an individual subject to deportation, absent a federal arrest warrant, be held past their release date.

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN NATIONALS (ALIENS) APPENDIX

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

No. B-011 APX

AB4 CALIFORNIA TRUST ACT QUALIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**CHAPTER 17.1. Standards for Responding to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Holds
Government Code §7282.**

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) "Conviction" shall have the same meaning as subdivision (d) of Section 667 of the Penal Code.
- (b) "Eligible for release from custody" means that the individual may be released from custody because one of the following conditions has occurred:
- (1) All criminal charges against the individual have been dropped or dismissed.
 - (2) The individual has been acquitted of all criminal charges filed against him or her.
 - (3) The individual has served all the time required for his or her sentence.
 - (4) The individual has posted a bond.
 - (5) The individual is otherwise eligible for release under state or local law, or local policy.
- (c) "Immigration hold" means an immigration detainer issued by an authorized immigration officer, pursuant to Section 287.7 of Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations, that requests that the law enforcement official to maintain custody of the individual for a period not to exceed 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and to advise the authorized immigration officer prior to the release of that individual.
- (d) "Law enforcement official" means any local agency or officer of a local agency authorized to enforce criminal statutes, regulations, or local ordinances or to operate jails or to maintain custody of individuals in jails, and any person or local agency authorized to operate juvenile detention facilities or to maintain custody of individuals in juvenile detention facilities.
- (e) "Local agency" means any city, county, city and county, special district, or other political subdivision of the state.
- (f) "Serious felony" means any of the offenses listed in subdivision (c) of Section 1192.7 of the Penal Code and any offense committed in another state which, if committed in California, would be punishable as a serious felony as defined by subdivision (c) of Section 1192.7 of the Penal Code.
- (g) "Violent felony" means any of the offenses listed in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of the Penal Code and any offense committed in another state which, if committed in California, would be punishable as a violent felony as defined by subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of the Penal Code.

Government Code §7282.5.

- (a) A law enforcement official shall have discretion to cooperate with federal immigration officials by detaining an individual on the basis of an immigration hold after that individual becomes eligible for release from custody only if the continued detention of the individual on the basis of the immigration hold would not violate any federal, state, or local law, or any local policy, and only under any of the following circumstances:
- (1) The individual has been convicted of a serious or violent felony identified in subdivision (c) of Section 1192.7 of, or subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of, the Penal Code.
 - (2) The individual has been convicted of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the state prison.
 - (3) The individual has been convicted within the past five years of a misdemeanor for a crime that is punishable as either a misdemeanor or a felony for, or has been convicted at any time of a felony for, any of the following offenses:
 - (A) Assault, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 217.1, 220, 240, 241.1, 241.4, 241.7, 244, 244.5, 245, 245.2, 245.3, 245.5, 4500, and 4501 of the Penal Code.
 - (B) Battery, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 242, 243.1, 243.3, 243.4, 243.6, 243.7, 243.9, 273.5, 347, 4501.1, and 4501.5 of the Penal Code.
 - (C) Use of threats, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 71, 76, 139, 140, 422, 601, and 11418.5 of the Penal Code.
 - (D) Sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or crimes endangering children, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 266, 266a, 266b, 266c, 266d, 266f, 266g, 266h, 266i, 266j, 267, 269, 288, 288.5, 311.1, 311.3, 311.4, 311.10, 311.11, and 647.6 of the Penal Code.
 - (E) Child abuse or endangerment, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 270, 271, 271a, 273a, 273ab, 273d, 273.4, and 278 of the Penal Code.
 - (F) Burglary, robbery, theft, fraud, forgery, or embezzlement, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 211, 215, 459, 463, 470, 476, 487, 496, 503, 518, 530.5, 532, and 550 of the Penal Code.
 - (G) Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, but only for a conviction that is a felony.
 - (H) Obstruction of justice, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 69, 95, 95.1, 136.1, and 148.10 of the Penal Code.
 - (I) Bribery, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 67, 67.5, 68, 74, 85, 86, 92, 93, 137, 138, and 165 of the Penal Code.
 - (J) Escape, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 107, 109, 110, 4530, 4530.5, 4532, 4533, 4534, 4535, and 4536 of the Penal Code.
 - (K) Unlawful possession or use of a weapon, firearm, explosive device, or weapon of mass destruction, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 171b, 171c, 171d, 246, 246.3, 247, 417, 417.3, 417.6, 417.8, 4574, 11418, 11418.1, 12021.5, 12022, 12022.2, 12022.3, 12022.4, 12022.5, 12022.53, 12022.55, 18745, 18750, and 18755 of, and subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 26100 of, the Penal Code.
 - (L) Possession of an unlawful deadly weapon, under the Deadly Weapons Recodification Act of 2010 (Part 6 (commencing with Section 16000) of the Penal Code).
 - (M) An offense involving the felony possession, sale, distribution, manufacture, or trafficking of controlled substances.
 - (N) Vandalism with prior convictions, as specified in, but not limited to, Section 594.7 of the Penal Code.

- (O) Gang-related offenses, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 186.22, 186.26, and 186.28 of the Penal Code.
- (P) An attempt, as defined in Section 664 of, or a conspiracy, as defined in Section 182 of, the Penal Code, to commit an offense specified in this section.
- (Q) A crime resulting in death, or involving the personal infliction of great bodily injury, as specified in, but not limited to, subdivision (d) of Section 245.6 of, and Sections 187, 191.5, 192, 192.5, 12022.7, 12022.8, and 12022.9 of, the Penal Code.
- (R) Possession or use of a firearm in the commission of an offense.
- (S) An offense that would require the individual to register as a sex offender pursuant to Section 290, 290.002, or 290.006 of the Penal Code.
- (T) False imprisonment, slavery, and human trafficking, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 181, 210.5, 236, 236.1, and 4503 of the Penal Code.
- (U) Criminal profiteering and money laundering, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 186.2, 186.9, and 186.10 of the Penal Code.
- (V) Torture and mayhem, as specified in, but not limited to, Section 203 of the Penal Code.
- (W) A crime threatening the public safety, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 219, 219.1, 219.2, 247.5, 404, 404.6, 405a, 451, and 11413 of the Penal Code.
- (X) Elder and dependent adult abuse, as specified in, but not limited to, Section 368 of the Penal Code.
- (Y) A hate crime, as specified in, but not limited to, Section 422.55 of the Penal Code.
- (Z) Stalking, as specified in, but not limited to, Section 646.9 of the Penal Code.
- (AA) Soliciting the commission of a crime, as specified in, but not limited to, subdivision (c) of Section 286 of, and Sections 653j and 653.23 of, the Penal Code.
- (AB) An offense committed while on bail or released on his or her own recognizance, as specified in, but not limited to, Section 12022.1 of the Penal Code.
- (AC) Rape, sodomy, oral copulation, or sexual penetration, as specified in, but not limited to, paragraphs (2) and (6) of subdivision (a) of Section 261 of, paragraphs (1) and (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 262 of, Section 264.1 of, subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 286 of, subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 288a of, and subdivisions (a) and (j) of Section 289 of, the Penal Code.
- (AD) Kidnapping, as specified in, but not limited to, Sections 207, 209, and 209.5 of the Penal Code.
- (AE) A violation of subdivision (c) of Section 20001 of the Vehicle Code.
- (4) The individual is a current registrant on the California Sex and Arson Registry.
- (5) The individual is arrested and taken before a magistrate on a charge involving a serious or violent felony, as identified in subdivision (c) of Section 1192.7 or subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of the Penal Code, a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison, or any felony listed in paragraph (2) or (3) other than domestic violence, and the magistrate makes a finding of probable cause as to that charge pursuant to Section 872 of the Penal Code.
- (6) The individual has been convicted of a federal crime that meets the definition of an aggravated felony as set forth in subparagraphs (A) to (P), inclusive, of paragraph (43) of subsection (a) of Section 101 of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101), or is identified by the United States Department of Homeland Security's

Immigration and Customs Enforcement as the subject of an outstanding federal felony arrest warrant.

(b) If none of the conditions listed in subdivision (a) is satisfied, an individual shall not be detained on the basis of an immigration hold after the individual becomes eligible for release from custody.

Arrest or Detention of Foreign Nationals

422.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, sets forth certain rights of foreign nationals from member countries when arrested, detained or imprisoned by law enforcement officials in this country. This section provides direction to deputies when considering a physical arrest or detention of a foreign national. All foreign service personnel shall be treated with respect and courtesy, regardless of the level of established immunity. As noted herein, the United States is a party to several bilateral agreements that obligate authorities to notify the consulate upon the person's detention, regardless of whether the detained person requests that his/her consulate be notified. The list of specific countries that the United States is obligated to notify is listed on the U.S. Department of State [website](#).

422.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Foreign National - Anyone who is not a citizen of the United States (U.S.). A person with dual-citizenship, U.S. and foreign, is not a foreign national.

Immunity - Refers to various protections and privileges extended to the employees of foreign governments who are present in the U.S. as official representatives of their home governments. These privileges are embodied in international law and are intended to ensure the efficient and effective performance of their official missions (i.e., embassies, consulates, etc.) in foreign countries. Proper respect for the immunity to which an individual is entitled is necessary to ensure that U.S. diplomatic relations are not jeopardized and to maintain reciprocal treatment of U.S. personnel abroad. Although immunity may preclude U.S. courts from exercising jurisdiction, it is not intended to excuse unlawful activity. It is the policy of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) that illegal acts by Foreign Service personnel should always be pursued through proper channels. Additionally, the host country's right to protect its citizens supersedes immunity privileges. Peace officers may intervene to the extent necessary to prevent the endangerment of public safety or the commission of a serious crime, regardless of immunity claims.

422.2 ARREST OR DETENTION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS

Deputies should take appropriate enforcement action for all violations observed, regardless of claims of diplomatic or consular immunity received from violators. A person shall not, however, be subjected to in-custody arrest when diplomatic or consular immunity is claimed by the individual or suspected by the deputy, and the deputy has verified or reasonably suspects that the claim of immunity is valid.

422.3 LEVELS OF IMMUNITY

The specific degree of immunity afforded to foreign service personnel within the U.S. is directly related to their function and position in this country.

422.3.1 DIPLOMATIC AGENTS

Diplomatic agents (e.g., ambassadors and United Nations representatives) are afforded the highest levels of immunity. They are exempt from arrest or detention and are immune from all criminal (and most civil) prosecution by the host state. The family members of diplomatic

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agents enjoy these same immunities. Currently there are no diplomatic agents permanently assigned to California; but they do occasionally visit the state.

422.3.2 CONSULAR OFFICERS

Consular officers are the ranking members of consular posts who perform various formal functions on behalf of their own governments. Typical titles include consul general, consul, and vice consul. These officials are immune from arrest or detention, except pursuant to a felony warrant. They are only immune from criminal and civil prosecution arising from official acts. Official acts immunity must be raised as an affirmative defense in the court jurisdiction, and its validity is determined by the court. Under this defense, the prohibited act itself must have been performed as an official function. It is not sufficient that the consular agent was on-duty or in an official capacity at the time of the violation. The family members of consular officers generally enjoy no immunity, however, any family member who enjoys a higher level of immunity is issued an identification card by Department of State (DOS) enumerating any privileges or immunities on the back of the card. Examples are consular officers and family members from Russia or China.

There are approximately 600 consular officers in California, with most located in Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.

422.3.3 HONORARY CONSULS

Honorary consuls are part-time employees of the country they represent and are either permanent residents of the U.S. or U.S. nationals (unlike career consular officers, who are foreign nationals on temporary assignment to the U.S.). Honorary consuls may be arrested and detained; limited immunity for official acts may be available as a subsequent defense. Family members have no immunity. There are less than 100 honorary consuls in California.

422.4 IDENTIFICATION

All diplomatic and consular personnel who are entitled to immunity are registered with the Department of State and are issued distinctive identification cards by the Department of State Protocol Office. These cards are the best means of identifying Foreign Service personnel. They include a photograph, identifying information, and, on the reverse side, a brief description of the bearer's immunity status. Unfortunately, these identification cards are not always promptly issued by the Department of State. In addition to the Department of State identification card, Foreign Service personnel should also have a driver license issued by the Department of State Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Office (DMVO), which in most circumstances replaces the operator's license issued by the state. Additionally they may have California credentials issued by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

422.4.1 VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicles that are owned by foreign missions or Foreign Service personnel and their dependents are registered with the Department of State OFM and display distinctive red, white, and blue license plates. Vehicles assigned to diplomatic or consular officers will generally have license plates labels with the words diplomat or consul. Vehicles owned by honorary consuls are not issued OFM license plates; but may have California license plates with an honorary consul label. Driver's identity or immunity status should not be presumed from the type of license plates displayed on the vehicle. The status of an OFM license plate should be run via the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), designating US as the state, if the deputy has reason to question the legitimate possession of the license plate.

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422.5 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

The following procedures provide a guideline for handling enforcement of foreign nationals:

422.5.1 CITABLE OFFENSES

An enforcement document shall be issued at the scene for all violations warranting such action, regardless of the violator's immunity status. The issuance of a citation is not considered an arrest or detention under current Department of State guidelines. Whenever the equivalent of a notice to appear is issued to an immunity claimant, the following additional procedures shall be followed by the arresting deputy:

- (a) Identification documents are to be requested of the claimant
- (b) The title and country represented by the claimant are to be recorded on the back of the deputy's copy of the Notice to Appear for later reference. Do not include on the face of the notice to appear
- (c) The claimant shall be requested to sign the notice to appear. If the claimant refuses, the identity and immunity status of the individual shall be conclusively established
- (d) Verified diplomatic agents and consular officers, including staff and family members from countries with which the U.S. has special agreements, are not required to sign the Notice to Appear. The word *Refused* shall be entered in the signature box, and the violator shall be released
- (e) Verified consular staff members, excluding those from countries with which the U.S. has special agreements, are generally obligated to sign the Notice to Appear, but a signature shall not be required if their immunity status is uncertain
- (f) All other claimants are subject to the provisions of Vehicle Code § 40302(b) and policy and procedures outlined in this chapter
- (g) The violator shall be provided with the appropriate copy of the notice to appear

422.5.2 IN-CUSTODY ARRESTS

Diplomatic agents and consular officers are immune from arrest or detention (unless they have no identification and the detention is to verify their diplomatic status). Proper identification of immunity claimants is imperative in potential in-custody situations. Claimants who are not entitled to immunity shall be placed in custody in accordance with the provisions outlined in Policy Manual § 422.6 of this policy.

A subject who is placed under arrest and claims diplomatic or consular immunity shall not be physically restrained before verification of the claim (unless restraint is necessary for the protection of the deputy or others.)

A supervisor shall be promptly notified and should respond to the scene when possible.

Field verification of the claimant's identity is to be attempted as follows:

- (a) Identification cards issued by the Department of State, Protocol Office, are the only valid evidence of diplomatic or consular immunity. The following types of identification cards are issued: Diplomatic (blue bordered), Consular (red bordered), and Official (green bordered). The Department of State identification cards are 3-3/4 inch by 1-1/2 inch and contain a photograph of the bearer.
- (b) Initiate telephone verification with the Department of State. Newly arrived members of diplomatic or consular missions may not yet have official Department of State identity documents. Verify immunity by telephone with the Department of State any time an

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individual claims immunity and cannot present satisfactory identification, the deputy has reason to doubt the claim of immunity, or there is a possibility of physical arrest. Law enforcement personnel should use the following numbers in order of preference:

Office of Foreign Missions San Francisco, CA (415) 744-2910, Ext. 22 or 23 (415) 744-2913 FAX (0800-1700 PST) Office of Foreign Missions Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Office Washington D.C. (202) 895-3521 (Driver License Verification) or (202) 895-3532 (Registration Verification) (202) 895-3533 FAX (0815-1700 EST)	Office of the Foreign Missions Los Angeles, CA (310) 235-6292, Ext. 121 or 122 (310) 235-6297 FAX (0800-1700 PST) Department of State Diplomatic Security Service Command Center Washington D.C. (202) 647-7277 (202) 647-1512 (Available 24 hours) (202) 647-0122 FAX
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Members of diplomatic or consular missions also may have other forms of identification. These include identification cards issued by Cal OES, local law enforcement agencies, the foreign embassy, or consulate; driver licenses issued by Department of State; and, Department of State license indicia on the vehicle. All these items are only an indication that the bearer may have some form of immunity.

Subjects verified through the above procedures as being officials entitled to immunity (diplomatic agent, consular officers and consular staff and family members from countries with which the U.S. has special agreements) may not be arrested. The procedures below shall be followed. These procedures should also be used in the event immunity cannot be verified, but another form of identification indicates that immunity is probable.

If the release of the violator will not create an additional hazard, adequate information to properly identify the violator shall be obtained then the official shall be released. A supervisor's approval for the release shall be obtained whenever possible. The necessary release documents and/or a Certificate of Release form should only be issued under the proper conditions.

If the violator appears to have been driving while under the influence, field sobriety tests, including Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) device tests and chemical tests should be offered and obtained whenever possible, however, these tests cannot be compelled. The subject shall not be permitted to drive. A supervisor's approval for release shall be obtained whenever possible and alternative transportation should be arranged.

All facts of the incident shall be documented in accordance with this policy in a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrest-Investigation Report, Arrest-Investigation Report and/or any other relevant Report form. Notwithstanding the field release of the subject, prosecution is still appropriate and should be pursued by the command concerned. The Department of State will take appropriate sanctions against errant foreign service personnel, even where prosecution is not undertaken by the agency.

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422.6 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

Persons involved in traffic collisions who possess a Department of State OFM Diplomatic Driver License, issued by the DMVO, shall have D coded in the license class box of the Traffic Collision Report. The actual driver license class (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or A, B, C, M) shall be entered in the miscellaneous box on page two of the traffic report. If subsequent prosecution of the claimant is anticipated, the claimant's title, country, and type of identification presented should be recorded for future reference. Issuance of a citation to, or arrest of, an immunity claimant at the accident scene should be handled in accordance with the procedures specified in Policy Manual § 422.5 of this chapter.

422.6.1 VEHICLES

Vehicles, which are owned by subjects with full immunity, may not be searched, stored, or impounded without the owner's permission. (Such permission may be assumed if the vehicle has been stolen.) These vehicles may, however, be towed the necessary distance to remove them from obstructing traffic or creating any other hazard.

422.6.2 REPORTS

A photocopy of each traffic collision report involving an identified diplomat and/or immunity claimant shall be forwarded to the office of the Sheriff within 48 hours whether or not the claim is verified. The words Immunity Claim shall be marked on the photocopy, together with a notation of the claimant's title, country, and type of identification presented (if applicable). In addition to the report, a follow-up cover memorandum should be submitted if the violation was flagrant, if the claimant was uncooperative, or if there were any other unusual aspects of the enforcement contact that should be reported to the Department of State for further action. The Watch Commander/Supervisor apprised of the incident/accident shall also send a copy of all documents and reports submitted by the investigating deputy along with any supervisor's notes, materials and/or logs to the Sheriff's office within 48 hours of the incident. The Sheriff's office will check to ensure that notification of Department of State and all necessary follow-up occur.

422.7 FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO DO NOT CLAIM IMMUNITY

These policies and procedures apply to foreign nationals who do not claim diplomatic or consular immunity.

Deputies shall arrest foreign nationals only under the following circumstances:

- (a) There is a valid warrant issued for the person's arrest
- (b) There is probable cause to believe that the foreign national has violated a federal criminal law, a state law, or a local ordinance
- (c) Deputies shall not arrest foreign nationals solely for alleged undocumented entry into the U.S. unless the undocumented entry is committed in the deputy's presence

After a lawful detention or criminal arrest, deputies may detain foreign nationals solely for alleged undocumented presence in the U.S. if the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is contacted and can respond to take custody within a reasonable time. Deputies shall not arrest foreign nationals for undocumented presence. Federal courts have consistently held that undocumented presence is not a crime but a federal civil violation only enforceable by federal officers.

- Deputies shall not stop or detain persons solely for determining immigration status.

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- International treaty obligations provide for notification of foreign governments when foreign nationals are arrested or otherwise detained in the U.S.
- Whenever a deputy arrests and incarcerates a foreign national or detains a foreign national for investigation for over two hours, the deputy shall promptly advise the individual that he/she is entitled to have his/her government notified of the arrest or detention. (Penal Code § 834c). If the individual wants his/her government notified, the deputy shall begin the notification process.

422.7.1 ARREST PROCEDURE

Whenever a deputy physically arrests or detains an individual for criminal investigation and the deputy reasonably believes the person to be a foreign national, the deputy shall inquire to determine the person's citizenship.

This procedure applies to detentions of more than two hours. An inquiry is not required if the individual is detained less than two hours for criminal investigation.

If the individual indicates that he/she is other than a U.S. citizen, the deputy shall advise the individual that he/she has a right to have the nearest appropriate embassy or consulate notified of the arrest/detention (Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Art. 36, (1969)).

If the individual requests such notification, the deputy shall contact the Communications Center as soon as practical and request the appropriate embassy/consulate be notified. Deputies shall provide the Communications Center with the following information concerning the individual:

- Country of citizenship
- Full name of individual, including paternal and maternal surname, if used
- Date of birth or age
- Current residence
- Time, date, place, location of incarceration/detention and the 24-hour telephone number of the place of detention if different from the Department itself

If the individual claims citizenship of one of the countries for which notification of the consulate/embassy is mandatory, deputies shall provide the Communications Center with the information above as soon as practicable, regardless of whether the individual desires that the embassy/consulate be notified. This procedure is critical because of treaty obligations with the particular countries. The list of countries and jurisdictions that require notification can be found on the U.S. Department of State website.

422.7.2 DOCUMENTATION

Deputies shall document on the face page and in the narrative of the appropriate Arrest-Investigation Report the date and time the Communications Center was notified of the foreign national's arrest/detention and his/her claimed nationality.