

TYPE OF ORDER	NUMBER/SERIES	EFFECTIVE DATE	ISSUE DATE
General Order	#1 Series of 2007	1/19/07	1/19/07
SUBJECT TITLE		PREVIOUSLY ISSUED DATES	
Juvenile Detention Protocol from 2300 to 0700		GO 1-'06; GO 7-'98; GO 42-'97; GO 37-'95	
REFERENCE		RE-EVALUATION DATE	
Revised policy			
SUBJECT AREA		DISTRIBUTION	
Law Enforcement Operations		All Personnel	

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this general order is to outline a revised juvenile detention protocol from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

II. POLICY:

The Providence Police Department is committed to the safe and secure handling of juveniles who are taken into its custody. Therefore, the procedures for handling juveniles, especially during the overnight hours shall be as follows:

III. PROCEDURES

A. Processing/Care and Custody

1. Only juveniles who have committed a felony or misdemeanor will be secured in a cell.
 - a. Secured detention is not allowed in cases of suspicious persons (so called SPs) and mere violations.¹
 - b. Suspicious persons can be detained, identified, and subsequently released to a responsible person or Urban League

¹ See RIGL § 11-1-2: Felony, misdemeanor, petty misdemeanor, and violation distinguished.

of Rhode Island's Emergency Shelter for Minors Intake, but never held in secure detention.

2. During the hours of 11pm to 7am, the arresting or transporting officer shall proceed with the handcuffed juvenile to the Women's Detention Facility.
3. Upon arrival in the Women's Detention Facility, the arresting officer shall contact the desk sergeant for prisoner viewing purposes.
4. The desk sergeant, shall immediately:
 - a. summon another officer to take charge of the juvenile;
 - b. notify the shift commander and duty Youth Services Bureau detective of the juvenile's arrival.
5. The Women's Detention Officer shall process (book) the juvenile, and inventory and secure all property, in accordance with departmental procedures.
6. Once the juvenile is booked, the arresting or transporting officer shall escort the juvenile to the Juvenile Detention Facility.
7. The arresting officer shall maintain care and custody of the juvenile until the relief (sworn officer/attendant) arrives to take custody and control of the juvenile.
8. The sworn officer/attendant shall maintain care, custody, and surveillance of the juvenile until:
 - a. the juvenile is released from custody; or
 - b. the civilian juvenile detention attendant relieves him or her in the morning.
9. The juvenile will never be left alone.
10. The Youth Services Bureau will remain operational until 4:00 AM and will be available to assist officers.

B. Releasing of Juvenile

1. To release a juvenile, the releasing officer or detective shall:

- a. respond to the Women's Detention facility and retrieve the juvenile's property and a property release form,
 - b. have the juvenile sign the property release form, and
 - c. immediately return the form to the Women's Detention Facility for archiving purposes.
2. Once released, the releasing officer or detective shall escort the juvenile completely out of the building.

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