DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Pretrial Risk Evaluation Program (PREP)

Effective September 1, 2021, the LA County Superior Courts will no longer be sending release orders for inmates via teletype, they will be sending orders to agencies through the PREP LEA Portal. LA County Superior Courts have implemented a Pretrial Risk Evaluation Program (PREP) for all new arrests.

All arresting, booking and housing agencies will have access to release orders when they are issued by court.

Prior to arraignment, all persons in custody receive a risk assessment, based upon the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) – if they are eligible for pre-arraignment release. After four hours in custody, a magistrate will review the assessment and determine if they will issues release orders.

RECORDS: If the jail requests a transport packet at/after the inmate has been in our custody for four hours, you will be responsible for checking the PREP Portal and making sure release orders have not been received. If we have not received release orders you can proceed with the transportation packet. If we have received release orders, you must let the jailer know immediately. You will need to print out the Order for Release and include it in our arrest packet.

JAIL: It will be the jailer's responsibly to ask Records to check if Orders of Release have been sent over for the inmate you are ready to transport. If we have received release orders, you will then need to cite and release the subject. If no release orders were received, you will proceed with the transportation. You do not have to wait four hours to transport a subject, but after four hours in our custody, we do have to check and see if Orders of Release have been issued prior to transportation.

PATROL/DETECTIVE BUREAU: Any bail enhancements have to happen before the 4 hour mark.

All sergeants and watch commanders will have access to the PREP portal in the event someone in the Records Bureau is not available to check the system prior to transportation.

Access: https://prep.lacourt.org/prep

To search for release orders pertaining to Downey PD, you will either select "DOWNEY PD (1920)" from the drop down box (Fig. 1), or run the booking number (Fig. 2). To view the Order of Release, click on "Order" (Fig. 3).

