

## Electronic Devices

### 1714.1 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- (a) This policy applies to any person, including all Department personnel, medical/mental health staff (HCA), maintenance staff, support staff, volunteers, official visitors, and vendors, while inside the secure area of a Jail Operations' facility.
- (b) Penal Code section 4575(a) provides: "Any person in a local correctional facility who possesses a wireless communication device, including but not limited to, a cellular telephone, pager, or wireless Internet device, who is not authorized to possess that item is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)." Although the range of devices prohibited by this policy include, but are broader than, the wireless communication devices prohibited by Section 4575(a), it is important to note that the violation of this Penal Code section is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.
- (c) The use or possession of cellular telephones, cellular watches, and personal electronic devices within the secured area of a jail facility or detention area is prohibited unless specifically authorized as provided in Section 1714(d) and 1714(e). Department and other County agency personnel may possess cellular telephones and personal electronic devices while carrying them to and from their vehicles before/after their assigned shift as well as in any unsecured area of the jail facility (e.g., administrative building, locker room). All persons entering the secured area of a jail facility or detention area will be required to secure their cellular phone and/or electronic device in a location outside security. Electronic devices include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Pagers
  - 2. Digital Cameras
  - 3. Personal Digital Assistants (PDA)
  - 4. Televisions
  - 5. Laptop computers
  - 6. Compact disc players
  - 7. Digital Video disc players
  - 8. VHS players
  - 9. Cassette players
  - 10. iPod's
  - 11. MP3's or other similar devices
  - 12. Electronic digital book readers
  - 13. Any other miscellaneous computing or video gaming devices
  - 14. Any device that provides and/or requires a connection to the Internet

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- (d) The Watch Commander or Captain may authorize persons to retain a cellular telephone or particular electronic device in furtherance of an official duty or in an emergency situation due to a significant and verified reason. Any authorization provided by the Watch Commander is strictly on a one-time basis. Requests for any ongoing authorizations shall be made on an Electronic Device Request Form, detailing the necessity for the device in question and provide specific time (date) restraints. All such requests will be reviewed by the Watch Commander and forwarded to the Division Commander for approval.
- (e) Persons receiving Division Commander "Approval" may carry that cellular telephone into the secure area of the facility as necessary to complete their assignment (e.g., Facility Operations, Communications).
- (f) Each facility will provide a storage location for personal valuables including electronic devices such as those listed in 1714(c). The storage location will have individual locks so that personal valuables and electronic devices may be secured by persons using the storage location.
- (g) Deputies/Officers utilizing body worn cameras shall turn off the recording device prior to entering a secure area of any jail facility, unless the device is utilized to record an interview in accordance with [CCOM Section 1902.4 - Attorney, Bondsman and Official Visitors](#).