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Lane County Jail Booking and Release Notification Processes and Law Enforcement Access to the Jail

This information is provided to answer questions regarding the Lane County Sheriff's Office policies regarding notifications related to booking and release of inmates and law enforcement agency access to the county jail. The Sheriff's Office policies in these areas are intended to broadly address all law enforcement agencies and their officers and are not intended to be agency specific or to promote any agency's mission beyond general public safety.

The jail only accepts bookings of inmates for criminal charges; no inmate in the jail is detained for non-criminal purposes.

When a person is arrested and booked into the jail, much of that information becomes public and is accessible by any community member, as well as law enforcement. Upon booking, inmate information is submitted electronically to Oregon's Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS). This includes the reporting of all foreign born inmates via LEDS which causes the electronic notification to federal law enforcement.

In accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, jail staff will notify foreign born nationals/non-US citizens of their right to have their embassy or consulate notified of their arrest. Jail staff ensures consular notification is made for all countries that require mandatory notification.

At any given time, anyone can search the jail's online inmate search program to see who is in the Lane County jail. The available information includes a person's photo, age, arresting agency and the charges.

Upon providing appropriate credentials, all law enforcement agencies and their officers (local, state and federal) are permitted to access the secure areas of the jail for business purposes. Law enforcement may enter the jail by vehicle, through the jail's secure sally port, or in person, through the front lobby. The rules governing external law enforcement access to the jail facility, and inmates within, apply equally to all law enforcement agencies and their officers.

While an inmate is in custody, various law enforcement agencies and non-law enforcement community partners¹ request to be notified of the release of specific inmates. Because that information is also available to the public, we provide the requested release information.

¹ Non-law enforcement community partners include; Lane County Health & Human Services / Behavioral Health, Sponsors Inc., CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) White Bird Clinic, Hourglass Community Crisis Center, members of the public coordinating after-incarceration services for the inmate, and members of the public who are unable to access the VINE service.

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Prior to the release of an inmate, the jail submits a notification to the Oregon VINE Service² in accordance with the VINE program protocols. Jail staff will contact any law enforcement agency or community partner requesting notice of an inmate's release after the inmate's release notification has been submitted to VINE.

If a law enforcement agency arrives at the jail before an inmate has completed the process to be released, that agency can make an arrest using their own personnel. Due to incidents in other communities that placed bystanders at risk, and the Sheriff's Office and County at legal risk, agencies seeking to arrest an inmate being released are allowed to contact them in a law enforcement only area the inmate passes through on their way to the lobby. This helps keep visitors, family members, the individual being released, and arresting officers safe.

Sheriff's Office policies, procedures and practices are governed by the following laws and court decisions:

- A. ORS 181A.820 (1987)
- B. ORS 180.805 / formerly HB 3464 (2017)
- C. Lane County Ordinance - Lane Code 60.950 (2018)
- D. Miranda-Olivares v. Clackamas County (2014)
- E. Federal Immigration Law 8 USC § 1373

The Sheriff's Office does not have lawful authority to enforce federal law and cannot, and will not, spend its limited resources pursuing people whose only violation of law is a violation of federal immigration law.

Our policies and practices comply with federal, state and local laws. State laws are a reflection of our community and as those laws change to meet the expectations of our community, we will ensure our policies and practices comply.



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² Oregon Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) is an anonymous telephone service that monitors offenders in the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections, Oregon Youth Authority and all county jails. Anyone can call the service at 1-877-OR-4-VINE to: ask for the current status of an offender, register to receive immediate notification if an offender is released, transferred, escapes or dies, ask about any other important probation and parole information.