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Section 1000.60 Search of Prisoners

Policy

All prisoners physically arrested shall be searched incidental to the arrest and any incriminating evidence and weapons taken from them.

All property or evidence must be handled and secured according to **Section 900.220 Property Room Procedures**.

Search of Person

- All prisoners should be searched more thoroughly after being properly restrained to encounter additional contraband or evidence.
- Whenever possible, the search is to be conducted by an officer or officers of the same sex as the person being searched.
- If physical force is required to perform the search, a warrant must be obtained.
- Only a physician, nurse, or certified emergency medical technician acting at the direction of the arresting officer may perform body cavity searches involving digital penetration of a body cavity.
- No strip search or body cavity search shall be made of any person who is not under arrest and in custody unless a search warrant is obtained.

Search of Area

- The area in close proximity of a prisoner should be searched in order to restrict access of contraband to the prisoner.
- Other areas should be searched thoroughly to locate evidence, weapons or property.
- Searches and various search techniques shall be used to discover evidence, contraband and property in accordance with Fourth Amendment considerations.
- Patrol cars should be searched or checked for contraband prior to loading prisoners.
- Patrol cars should be searched or checked for contraband after unloading prisoners.