

Subject:	Hospital Mandated Reporting	
Effective:	7/30/2014	Procedure
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Reference:	PC 1160(b)(1)	

PURPOSE

To understand the legal mandate for hospital notification to law enforcement when hospital personnel suspects a specific crime of violence as defined by 11160(b)(1) PC

PROCEDURE

Hospital personnel are mandated to make immediate telephonic notification to law enforcement when it is suspected or it is brought to their attention that a patient is a victim of a violent crime as defined by 11160(b)(1) PC.

1. The hospital will telephonically contact the dispatch center to make notification.
 - a. Hospital staff is mandated by law to relay the following information telephonically to law enforcement:
 - i. The name of the injured person.
 - ii. The injured person’s location.
 - iii. The character and extent of the person’s injury.
 - iv. The identity of any person the injured person alleges inflicted the wound, other injury, or assaultive or abusive conduct upon the injured person.

2. The call taker shall enter a report call in CAD and shall ensure the information in section 1 above is obtained and relayed to the responding deputy.
 - a. In addition to the information above, the call taker shall attempt to obtain the location where the crime occurred so the appropriate substation can investigate the complaint.
 - b. Hospital personnel are required to obtain the name of the call taker they made the telephonic notification to.

3. Deputies who need to contact patients at either Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital or Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital may call Cottage Security at (805) 569-7319 to have Cottage personnel meet them for escort. Investigating deputies may also ask Dispatch to make this call.