

**HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**POLICY**  
**PRISONER AND COURT-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

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**ESCAPES**

**POLICY**

The Honolulu Police Department shall assist in the investigation and apprehension of any fugitive when notified of an escape from a correctional or detention facility or from custody as defined in Section 710-1000, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

**PROCEDURE**

I. **SCOPE**

For the purposes of this directive, anyone who is not on a pass or furlough, fails to return to the facility at the required time, or escapes from a correctional or detention facility or from custody shall be regarded as an escapee.

II. **GENERAL PROCEDURES**

A. **Communications Division**

1. When notified that an escape has occurred, the Communications Division shall:
  - a. Dispatch a field investigator;
  - b. Obtain all available information via telephone;
  - c. Immediately alert all available units via a general, all-points bulletin;
  - d. Notify the appropriate investigative element(s);

- e. Alert all police districts; and
  - f. Input all pertinent information on the escapee into the computer, Wanted Persons File.
2. Upon request from the field supervisor, the Communications Division watch supervisor shall:
- a. Immediately notify the officer in charge of the Specialized Services Division and request the deployment of specialized units;
  - b. Alert the neighbor island police departments; and
  - c. Immediately notify the U.S. Marshals Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, if the escapee is a federal prisoner or falls under federal jurisdiction.

B. Patrol

- 1. If the escape occurs while the suspect is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety, the officer preparing the initial escape report shall obtain the most current photograph and physical description of the suspect from a Department of Public Safety representative.
- 2. The current photograph shall be forwarded to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) as soon as practicable.
- 3. If a current photograph and physical description of the suspect is not available, the officer shall document the reason for the unavailability.

C. CID

If an adult or juvenile escapes from confinement, custody, or detention, the CID shall:

1. Immediately assign available, investigative personnel;
2. Prepare a CrimeStoppers news release and/or Crime Information Bulletin for distribution to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, news media, and other public/private entities, as deemed necessary.

To expedite distribution of the CrimeStoppers news release and/or Crime Information Bulletin, the assigned detective may use field operations units;

3. Establish a liaison with correctional or detention facility authorities and coordinate our search activities with theirs;
4. Investigate the escape and any additional crimes that may be attributed to the escapee while at large; and
5. When the escapee is apprehended, prepare and distribute the official cancellation notice of the wanted person CrimeStoppers news release and/or Crime Information Bulletin. Upon completion of the case, transmit the report of investigation to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

D. Notification of Cancellation

1. Whenever an escapee is taken into custody, it shall be the responsibility of the officer making the apprehension to notify the Communications Division of the cancellation.

2. If the escapee voluntarily returns to his or her place of confinement or detention and no apprehension is made, the officer handling the cancellation report shall be responsible for notifying the Communications Division of the cancellation.
3. The Communications Division, upon receiving verification of the cancellation of an escapee alert, shall be responsible for removing the escapee information from the computerized Wanted Persons File.

III. PATIENTS AT THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL AND THE JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT FACILITY

A. Types of Patients

1. Involuntary patients are those (including juveniles) who have been committed to the hospital or school by court order. The department is obligated to assist in the apprehension of these patients and, if necessary, to transport them back to their facility. Procedures for handling escapes by these patients are outlined in section III B below.
2. Voluntary patients are those who admit themselves to the state hospital. Because of their voluntary status, their absences from the hospital are not escapes. Procedures for dealing with these patients are outlined in section III C below.

B. Escapes by Involuntary Patients

1. When the department is notified of an escape from the Hawaii State Hospital or the Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Facility by an involuntary patient, the Communications Division shall follow the procedures listed in section II A above.

2. The escape shall be investigated by the CID as outlined in section II C above.
3. In addition, if the escapee is not considered dangerous and is not under charge or conviction for a criminal offense, the district patrol command shall:
  - a. Conduct routine, follow-up investigations; and/or
  - b. Issue the necessary cancellations if the escapee voluntarily returns to custody.

C. Absences From the State Hospital by Voluntary Patients

Voluntary patients sometimes absent themselves from the state hospital. Because of their voluntary status, these patients are not considered escapees. Such absences will not be reported to the police unless the patient may be considered dangerous to self or others or may suffer harm because of an inability to protect himself or herself. In such cases, the police will be asked to provide help in locating the patient. Such cases will be classified as Miscellaneous Public and will be recorded on an Incident report.

IV. AIRPORT SECURITY

- A. Carefully planned and executed escapes may involve the use of an aircraft, so surveillance of the airport area should be considered.

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