



## **COURT CLOTHING**

### **POLICY.**

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) to provide guidelines that govern inmates wearing civilian clothing to court.

### **PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines regarding the acceptance of and wearing civilian clothing by inmates.

### **OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:**

- B-303 Inventory and Receipt
- B-304 Storage
- B-307 Securing Clothing

### **REFERENCES:**

- ORS 136.415, Presumption as to innocence; acquittal in case of reasonable doubt

### **DEFINITIONS.**

**Inmate Indigent Clothing Box.** A collection of donated, abandoned, or found clothing items. Correction staff may give or loan clothing items to inmates being released or transported who lack adequate clothing to meet basic privacy or weather protection needs.

### **PROCEDURES.**

#### ***SECTION A: ACCEPTANCE OF CLOTHING***

**A-1.** Administrative staff may accept court clothing for an inmate who has a pending trial by jury. No jewelry, makeup or hair accessories will be accepted. The clothing may be dropped off up to three days prior to the trial, by a friend, family member or the inmate's attorney. Administration staff will complete an *Additional Property Form No. 304* and enter the clothing into the jail computerized management system (JMS). An inmate may have access to a reasonable amount of court clothes, usually no more than three sets, to wear in court for a jury trial as described in DCAJ Policy [CD-5-4, Inmate Property](#).

- A-2.** The inmate should use *Inmate Message Form No. 103* to request permission for court clothes to be delivered to the jail. A supervisor will authorize/approve the clothing. Clothing will be accepted by administration staff during normal business hours.

***SECTION B: PROCESSING AND STORAGE***

- B-1.** Administration staff will log court clothing into the Personal Property section of the inmate's JMS record. Booking deputies will search the clothing for contraband prior to placing the clothes into the inmate's assigned property box. Every effort will be taken to fit the clothing into the appropriate property box or hang the items in the designated area in the property room.
- B-2.** A copy of the receipt of the clothing will be provided to the inmate.

***SECTION C: ISSUANCE OF CLOTHING***

- C-1.** An inmate should request permission to wear his clothing for a jury trial, utilizing *Inmate Message Form No. 103*. An inmate may wear civilian clothing for a jury trial or other reason specifically requested by a judge. A verdict reading or sentencing may be included if it is pursuant to the jury trial.
- C-2.** Corrections deputies providing clothing to the inmate will check the clothing again to ensure it is free from contraband.
- C-3.** In conjunction with civilian clothing, and if authorized by the court, every effort will be made to utilize a security leg brace or other device that is not readily visible to civilians or jurors.
- C-4.** If the inmate requests the wearing of civilian clothing but lacks the requested clothes, staff may give or loan items from the inmate indigent clothing box to the inmate.

**FORMS USED:**

- Additional Property Form No. 304
- Inmate Message Form No. 103