

WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
SUBJECT: Prisoner Escape While in Transport		CHAPTER/SECTION NO.: 47.13, 47.14	
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47.13 Purpose

- 47.13.1 To provide directives to the transporting deputy in the event that an in-transport prisoner escapes, as well as, the minimum actions to be taken by the Sheriff's Office.

47.14 Procedure

- 47.14.1 In the event a prisoner escapes while being transported, the transporting deputy shall:
- A. Immediately notify communications of such occurrence and provide at least the following information:
 1. The location of the escape and the prisoner's last direction of travel.
 2. What the prisoner was in custody for, if known, and if the prisoner is a danger to the public, him/herself, or others.
 3. A complete physical description of the prisoner including any clothing.
 - B. Make an immediate attempt to return the prisoner to custody, if it is safe and practical to do so.
 - C. Notify the shift supervisor or Judicial supervisor and the Operations Bureau Commander regarding the following:
 1. Request additional staffing and

coordinate their placement and activities through the supervisor.

2. Advise the on-duty supervisor of any information which will assist in determining other Sheriff's Office resources the supervisor may want to utilize.

- D. Prepare the necessary reports concerning the incident to include case/crime reports, prosecutor forms, teletypes, and patrol information sheets.
- E. If the prisoner is recaptured, the transporting or arresting deputy shall additionally process the prisoner through another booking on escape charges, if appropriate.
- F. Dispatch notification to surrounding agencies.

47.14.2 In the event a prisoner escapes while being transported in an outside jurisdiction, the transporting deputy shall:

- A. Immediately notify the local or statewide dispatcher of the occurrence.
- B. Notify the local jurisdiction he/she is in, by using the primary or statewide radio frequency. Request appropriate aid from the local jurisdiction.
- C. Make every effort to return the prisoner immediately to custody if it is safe and practical to do so.
- D. Notify the Patrol or Judicial Services duty supervisor, as well as, the Operations Bureau Commander as soon as possible.
- E. Assist the jurisdiction in which the escape took place by:
 1. Providing all information concerning the escape, including descriptions, reason

for in-custody status, possible destinations, etc.

2. Preparing any necessary reports requested by such jurisdiction.

- F. Prepare the necessary reports for this Sheriff's Office, concerning the incident to include: case reports, prosecutor forms, teletypes, and patrol information sheets.

47.14.3 In the event that a prisoner escapes in another jurisdiction and is recaptured by that jurisdiction or by a Weber County Sheriff's Deputy in that jurisdiction:

- A. The local jurisdiction shall have priority in arrest and charging of offenses against the prisoner.
- B. In the event that the local jurisdiction declines to process the prisoner or proceed with charges, the Weber County Deputy shall take custody of the prisoner and proceed with the transport as before the escape.
- C. Charges for the escape may be added or screened with the appropriate prosecutor's office by the transporting deputy.

47.14.4 Use of Deadly Force/Less Lethal Force

- A. Deputies or corrections officers may use all reasonable means, including the use of weapons, to defend themselves and Office property and to enforce the observance of discipline and prevent escapes. An inmate in the act of escaping from the Correctional Facility or from the custody of a deputy or Corrections Officer is presumed to pose a threat of death or serious bodily injury to an officer or others if apprehension is delayed. The use of deadly force is justified if there is a reasonable belief deadly force is necessary to apprehend the inmate. **Refer to Utah Code 64-13-32, Discipline of Offenders-Use of Force; and Judicial Services**

Bureau Operations Policy Section 0.1.9-100.