

**JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION REPORT**

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FACILITY NAME: Petaluma Police Department      INSPECTION DATE: 4/23/2019

LAST INSPECTION: 1/06/2015

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FACILITY MANAGER: Sgt. Aaron Garihan

STAFF INTERVIEWED: Sgt. Aaron Garihan

PRESIDING JUVENILE COURT JUDGE: Kenneth Gness

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James Weathers  
NAME

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Michael Fried  
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**MAJOR CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

No recommendations or major concerns at this time. Departmental policies regarding the treatment of juvenile offenders appear to be in keeping with California Board of State and Community Corrections policies and procedures.

**CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION**

**Are minors provided with orientation?**

Every juvenile that comes into the station is given an orientation that covers why he/she is being detained, what to expect while at the facility and whether he/she is either going to be released to a guardian or taken to Juvenile Hall.

**Purpose of secure detention:**

The purpose for detention is to ensure the safety of the juvenile as well as staff, and to make certain there is no contact with adult offenders while staff interview the juvenile and other involved parties to determine what further actions are to be taken with regard to this particular case. If the juvenile is to be cited and released or taken to Juvenile Hall often the interview is conducted in the sally port and the juvenile is only moved to a more secure area if adult offenders are being brought into the station.

**Length of time secure detention expected to last:**

Juveniles are kept in the facility only long enough to determine what appropriate actions are to be taken in their particular cases. In virtually all cases the minor’s stay in the facility is less than three hours, often less than one hour.

**Maximum six-hour time limit**

We could find no indication that the maximum six-hour time limit had ever been exceeded.

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**CONDITIONS OF CELL/LOCKED ROOM**

**Proximity to adult inmates:**

As mentioned above, in most cases the juvenile’s stay at the station is very short, during which time he or she may be processed at the sally port. In some rare cases if it is necessary to retain the juvenile for a longer period of time or to ensure no contact with adult detainees being brought into the facility, he/she may be temporarily placed in a cell away from those housing adult offenders.

**Ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor:**

All detained juveniles are constantly under visual and/auditory surveillance by staff,

**Constant auditory access to staff:**

See above

**Provided with a snack if requested:**

As part of the orientation process, the juveniles are made aware that they may request a snack.

**Access to toilets and washing facilities:**

Detained juveniles have adequate access to toilets and washing facilities.  
Bathrooms were clean and in good working order.

**Access to drinking fountain or water:**

Detainees have access to a working fountain but in most cases they are provided with bottled water.

**Provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort:**

Blankets are available for detainees if needed for comfort.

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**CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION OUTSIDE A LOCKED ENCLOSURE  
(E.G. CUFFING RAIL)**

The Petaluma Police Department never uses a cuffing rail with juveniles.

**Assure no “contact” with adult inmates:**

Considerable care is exercised to ensure that there is no contact with adult offenders.

**Constant Supervision:**

Juvenile detainees are never allowed to be out of visual and/or auditory contact with departmental personnel.

**30 Minute limit and watch commander approval every 30 minutes thereafter:**

Departmental policy is in sync with State requirements.

**Minors placed in cell when one becomes available:**

Not applicable.

**Access to toilet and washing facilities:**

See above.

**Access to drinking fountain:**

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**CONDITIONS OF NON-SECURE DETENTION**

**Constant supervision:**

Juvenile detainees are never allowed out of visual or auditory contact with police personnel.

**Males and females in same room:**

Male and female detainees are never allowed in the same room unless they are siblings awaiting release to their parents and this would be extremely rare.

**List the names, dates, starting and ending time and circumstances for all minors held in the law enforcement facility longer than six hours. Use additional pages if necessary.**

Not applicable.

**MINORS INTERVIEWED (COMMENTS)**

No minors were in custody at the time of this inspection.