

# Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

## Jails and Lockups 2024 Inspection Report

### 2023 Yearly Statistics (from Logbooks)

0 # **Secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

1 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

2 # **Non-secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

Authority: Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 209(b), a judge of the juvenile court shall conduct an annual inspection, either in person or through a delegated member of the appropriate county or regional juvenile justice commission, of any law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults which, in the preceding year, was used for the secure detention of any minor.

*Please respond to sections that apply to the facility you are inspecting (type or print clearly)*

Facility Name: SDCSD – Valley Center/Pauma Substation

Date of Inspection: 10/15/2024

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Date of Last Inspection: 7/12/2021

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Inspecting Commissioners: Yvette D Klepin and Aaron Adkins

### I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The inspection team asked questions related to this report, toured the facility and reviewed secure and non-secured logs for Calendar Year 2023.

Regarding questions asked the inspection team learned placement in secured cells are dependent on the charges. Usually, the charges involved violent crimes. Most minors were placed in a non-secured area where the deputy wrote the arrest report. If a minor were to be under the influence paramedics are called or the minor is taken to the hospital for clearance. None of the minors detained were under the influence.

During a tour of the facility the policies and procedures were found on a table in a binder in the intake area for officers to refer to. The latest update was April 2024. Signage was clear and visible for minors to see regarding their rights. We learned the youth are also provided an oral orientation by the deputy.

Review of the documentation supported three minors were detained at the facility under six hours. The secured and non-secured logs were used. The documentation supported two minors being detained in a non-secure area and one being detained in a secured area. However, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) letter provided to the Juvenile Justice Commission

registered 2 secure lock-up detentions. When asked why the discrepancy an answer could not be provided. The Sergeant was asked to research this and provide feedback to the inspection team. As of this date, a response has not been provided.

It appears there were three minors detained, one secured and two non-secured. Documentation supported all were held less than six hours. Charges included probation violations, burglary, possession of stolen property, threats to public/school employees, felon in possession of a firearm, and resisting arrest.

a. **RECOMMENDATIONS** *(if any)*:

The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that:

1. The Sheriff's Department investigate the discrepancy between what was reported to BSCC and what is documented in the log records.
2. The facility provides a written response to the Juvenile Justice Commission of the investigation findings within 30 days.
3. The facility ensures all logs are accurate and are reported to BSCC.

The following questions are used to assess compliance with the state standards governing law enforcement facilities in which minors are held in temporary custody. See Article 9, *Minors in Temporary Custody in a Law Enforcement Facility*, Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations (15 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1140–1151)

**III. CONDITIONS OF DETENTION:**

- A. Are minors provided with orientation?  Yes  No
- B. Are they informed of the purpose of detention?  Yes  No
- C. Are they told the length of time detention is expected to last?  Yes  No
- D. Are they informed of the six-hour maximum time limit?  Yes  No

**IV. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION (e.g. cell/locked room):**

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates? **Adults and minors are separated. They are placed in separate room/areas in the facility.**
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? **Staff maintain in-person constant observation if non-secured and 15-minute random safety checks if secured.**
- C. Is there constant auditory access to staff?  Yes  No
- D. Are minors provided with a snack if requested?  Yes  No
- E. Do minors have access to toilets and washing facilities?  Yes  No
- F. Do minors have access to a drinking fountain or water?  Yes  No
- G. Are there provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort?  Yes  No

**V. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION OUTSIDE A LOCKED ENCLOSURE:**

*(this includes minors who are handcuffed to a fixed object such as a rail, bench, chair or table):*

- A. Are minors assured no “contact” with adult inmates?  Yes  No
- B. Is there constant supervision?  Yes  No
- C. Is there a 30-minute limit and Watch Commander approval every 30 minutes thereafter?  Yes  No
- D. Are minors placed in cell when one becomes available?  Yes  No
- E. Do minors have access to toilet and washing facilities?  Yes  No
- F. Is there access to a drinking fountain?  Yes  No

**VI. CONDITIONS OF NON-SECURE DETENTION:**

- A. Is there direct and constant supervision by staff during the entire custody period?  Yes  No
- B. Are males and females put in same room?  Yes  No

**VII. INTOXICATED MINORS:**

- A. Does the facility have written procedures for the handling of minors under the influence of any intoxicating substances?  Yes  No
- B. Did the facility detain any minors, either secure or non-secure, determined to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance?  Yes  No
- If yes:
1. Was medical clearance obtained?  Yes  No
  2. Were these detentions documented?  Yes  No
  3. If the detention was secure, were there documented safety checks no less than once every 15 minutes?  Yes  No
  4. If the detention was non-secure, was the minor in the constant presence of staff?  Yes  No
  5. Who provides medical clearance for these minors?

**VIII. DOCUMENTATION:**

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented?  Yes  No
- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used?  Yes  No
- C. Do the detention logs list the offense and reason which formed the decision to place the minor in secure detention, as well as the length of time the minor was securely detained?  Yes  No
- D. Does the facility have signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors?  Yes  No

**IX. ARE THERE INSTANCES IN WHICH A MINOR(S) WAS HELD FOR MORE THAN SIX HOURS? IF YES, LIST THE DATES, STARTING AND ENDING TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EACH INSTANCE.**

No minors were held more than six hours.

**X. MINORS INTERVIEWED (Comments):**

There were no minors in the facility at the time of the inspection.