



SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDERS



522.03 BLOOD AND URINE SPECIMENS 09-16-91

PURPOSE

To establish procedures for the collection of blood and urine specimens from suspects.

POLICY

That the collection of blood and urine specimens be strictly controlled to preserve the integrity of evidence.

PROCEDURES

A. BLOOD SPECIMENS

Officers shall:

1. witness the drawing of the blood specimen.
2. sign the label for the vial ensuring it has been signed by the doctor or nurse drawing the specimen.
3. sign the County Laboratory of Forensic Services envelope as a witness of the specimen, ensuring the envelope is accurately filled out and signed by the doctor or nurse.
4. place the vial in the envelope, seal the envelope and initial over the sealed envelope flap. Place cellophane tape over the seal and the initials.
5. place the specimen envelope in the locked evidence containers (drop boxes) maintained at the Sobriety Testing Station and the UCD/SMC, as appropriate.
6. if the specimen is obtained at a location other than the UCD/SMC or the Sobriety Testing Station, take the specimen to the Sobriety Testing Station and deposit it in the evidence container (drop box).

B. URINE SPECIMENS

Officers shall:

1. accompany the subject to the restroom to prevent possible destruction, or contamination, of evidence.

NOTE: The witnessing officer shall be of the same sex as the subject giving the sample.

2. give the specimen container to the suspect and request the necessary sample.
3. complete the appropriate County Laboratory of Forensic Services envelope and process as described in "Blood Specimens" above.

NOTE: When a doctor or nurse refuses to take blood and/or urine samples from a subject, refer to G.O. 522.04