



# Tulsa Police Department

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**Policy Name** Juvenile Escapee From Institutional Placement

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**Approved by** *Wendell Franklin, Chief of Police*

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## PURPOSE OF CHANGE:

Update the Exploitation Unit is now Sex & Violent Offender Registration Unit (SVOR).

## POLICY:

State statute provides that "Upon discovery that a child has escaped or run away from an institutional placement, the Department of Juvenile Justice may notify any law enforcement officer or agency in this state who shall use any reasonable method to notify law enforcement agencies and personnel. Upon receiving notification that a child has escaped or run away from an institutional placement, all law enforcement agencies and personnel shall be authorized to apprehend and detain said child."

This law authorizes police officers to arrest and detain – with or without a warrant – a child who has escaped or run away from an institutional placement. However, the Tulsa Police Department only authorizes officers to apprehend and detain a child upon written notice from a juvenile institution. A teletype will suffice. The notification is neither a felony nor misdemeanor warrant rather it is notification of authority to apprehend and detain. The arrest is a warrantless arrest. In effecting the apprehension, officers will be governed by the policy and procedures established for use of force in misdemeanor situations.

**SUMMARY:** Procedures for arresting juveniles for escape from institutional placement.

**APPLIES TO:** All police personnel

**DEFINITIONS:** None

## PROCEDURES:

### A. PERSON RECEIVING REQUEST

1. Forward the request to the Records Section for computer entry.

### B. OFFICER

1. Verify through the Records Section that the *Request for Apprehension* is on file.
2. If the juvenile turns himself/herself in as a runaway or escapee from institutional placement and the *Request for Apprehension* is not on file, contact Public Safety Communications (PSC) or the SVOR Unit and request verification from the institution.
3. After receiving verification, book the juvenile according to current procedures.
4. Complete an *Incident Report* and attach a copy of the *Request for Apprehension*. Specify in the report the source of verification.

## C. SEX & VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION UNIT

1. Obtain a photocopy of the *Pick-Up Form* from the Records Section and write ARRESTED across the face of the form. Request the photocopy be placed in the Warrants Data Entry Clerk's cancellation basket.
2. Complete the appropriate *Clearance Request Form*.

**REGULATIONS:** None

### **REFERENCES:**

10 O.S. 7302-6.5