# San Bernardino County Probation Department

**Procedures Manual** 

# Subpoena Service to Detained Youth and Employees

#### **426.1 PURPOSE:**

To establish guidelines for subpoena service to detained youth and employees.

#### 426.2 **DEFINITIONS**:

<u>Subpoena:</u> The process by which the presence of a witness before a court is required. A subpoena may be authorized by a judge of the Superior Court, District Attorney or his investigator, Public Defender or his investigator, private attorney for the defendant, or the Clerk of the Court in a criminal action.

## 426.3 GUIDELINES:

A. The Department will not accept a subpoena for an employee who is involved in civil litigation that did not arise out of the course of their employment.

#### **426.4 RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- I. Service to Detained Youth:
  - A. The Watch Commander (WC) shall ensure youth is brought to the interview area and presented with the subpoena by the server.
  - B. The WC shall receive subpoena when the youth is unavailable and ensure subpoena is presented to youth as soon as they are available.

## II. Service to Employees:

- A. If the subpoena is for an officer's presence only, reception at the administration building will log, track, and notify the employee of the subpoena.
- B. If the subpoena includes a request for officer presence and Probation records, it will be handled through the Custodian of Records, who will then compile the requested records and notify the required officer.
- C. If the subpoena is for records only, it will be handled through the Custodian of Records.