



Santa Clara Police Training Flash



Handcuffing

Things to remember when we detain or arrest a subject using handcuffs.

If a person is restrained and released without an arrest, the officer shall ensure the following information is documented:

- The name and birth date of the person who was detained.
- The length of the detention
- The details of the detention and the need for handcuffs or other restraints.

*Acceptable documentation may include comments added to the call details, completion of a Field Interview card, or documentation in a police report.

*The restrained person should be provided the associated case number for their reference.



Remember, "If a person is arrested, the use of handcuffs or other restraints shall be documented in the related report."

302.8 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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If a person is arrested, the use of handcuffs or other restraints shall be documented in the related report.

Officers should document the following information in reports, as appropriate, when restraints other than handcuffs are used on a person:

- a. The factors that led to the decision to use restraints.
- b. Supervisor notification and approval of restraint use.
- c. The types of restraint used.
- d. The amount of time the person was restrained.
- e. How the person was transported and the position of the person during transport.
- f. Observations of the person's behavior and any signs of physiological problems.
- g. Any known or suspected drug use or other medical problems.

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