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PATROL BUREAU MEMORANDUM NO. 98-3

SUBJECT: Prisoner Usage of Ameritell Telephones Installed in Cells at Division Stations

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to set forth procedures to be followed at patrol division stations relating to the use of the Ameritell telephones that are installed in the detention cells at the stations.

II. POLICY

The primary goal at division station detention facilities will be to allow prisoners the opportunity to make as many calls as necessary to contact an attorney and to arrange for bond to be posted.

III PROCEDURE

A. Prisoners may be allowed controlled access to the telephones in the common areas of the detention facility which are free of cost to accomplish the goals noted in the policy section.

B. The Ameritell telephones are "outgoing only" type telephones. The telephones will only provide prisoners with the ability to make collect telephone calls.

C. Prisoners should be advised that they will be allowed to attempt to arrange for bond and contact an attorney, if they wish, without cost on the common area telephone.

D. Prisoners should be told that they may use the telephones in the cells but will only be able to make collect telephone calls.

E. Prisoners held in cells equipped with the Ameritell telephones will generally be allowed unlimited access to and use of those telephones. The following exceptions will apply:

1. Prisoners who are arrested on probable cause for a felony and held at a division station will not be allowed to use the Ameritell telephones, if held in a cell that has

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such a telephone installed, unless approved by a supervisor or a detective appropriate investigating element.

refuses to
process.

2. Detention officers may shut off a telephone being used by a prisoner who terminate a telephone call to allow officers to complete the booking

prisoner 3. Detention officers will have the discretion to shut off the telephone if a becomes overly agitated during the use of the telephone.

belligerent 4. Detention officers may disallow or discontinue telephone privileges of prisoners held in cells by shutting off the telephones.

prisoner use 5. Detention officers with supervisory approval will discontinue allowing a of the telephone when a citizen complains of repeated or unwanted telephone calls being made by the prisoner.

been F. The desk sergeant will be notified when a prisoner's telephone privileges have terminated by the detention officer.

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