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Adult Citations and Arrests

9-211 Arrest or Detention of Foreign Nationals (05/29/02) (xx/xx/xx)

I. Purpose

It is the obligation of the United States, including local municipalities, to notify foreign authorities when foreign nationals are arrested or otherwise detained.

The purpose of this policy is to explain the notification requirements to members.

II. Procedures/Regulations

- A. If a foreign national is arrested or detained, the member shall immediately inform the foreign national of their right to have their government notified of the arrest or detention.
 - 1. If the foreign national asks that such notification be made, members shall do so without delay by informing the consulate or embassy.
 - 2. In the case of certain countries, such notification must be made without delay regardless of whether the foreign national so wishes. The Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (MECC) has a list of the Foreign Consular Offices in the United States that contains all pertinent phone numbers for Consular and Embassy offices.
 - 3. Foreign consular officials have the right to visit their arrested or detained nationals unless the person objects to such visits.

Glossary

Arrest: Taking a person into custody, which may be imposed by force or may result from a person submitting to a member. An arrest is a restraint of greater scope or duration than an investigative stop or detention. An arrest requires probable cause that a crime was committed or is being committed. This includes booking, citing in lieu of booking, and releasing pending charges.

Consular Official: Government representatives who assist and protect their country's citizens abroad and provide services like visas, passports, and emergency help.