There are occasions when it is necessary to secure multiple persons in the Investigative Division. Such temporary detention shall be accomplished in a manner that will maximize the security of the detainees and the safety of our personnel.

At no time shall detainees be allowed to sit at the desks in the Investigative Division. For security reasons, use of desks is restricted to officers, Human Services Department personnel, Department of Corrections personnel, and others with a legitimate law enforcement interest. Interviews may be conducted in the Investigations conference room. Exception: Investigators and Division Supervisors may conduct interviews of persons in their own offices.

DEFINITION:

DETAINEE: Any person not allowed to leave of his or her own volition.

PROCEDURE:

When a Detainee or Detainees are brought to the Investigative Division they shall be secured in the following manner:

1. Detainees brought to the Investigative Division shall be handcuffed and searched per policy 901 prior to arrival.
   a. A hand-held metal detector may be used as an additional precaution.
   b. Handcuffs may be removed if the detainee is placed into an interview room and monitored.
   c. Detainees removed from the interview room for any reason shall be handcuffed prior to leaving the room.
   d. Detainees leaving the interview room for restroom purposes shall be supervised by a member of the same sex in the restroom and at least one other member in or immediately outside the restroom if not of the same sex.
2. Prisoners shall be placed in one of the two interview rooms, if available.
   a. The interview rooms, even when locked, are not considered secure.
   b. At least one member shall be specifically identified as the officer responsible for monitoring the detainee(s).
   c. The monitoring member shall not leave his or her post unless relieved.
3. When there are no interview rooms available detainees may be secured at one of the metal security benches in the Investigative Division.
   a. The detainee shall remain handcuffed.
   b. The detainee shall be secured to the bench by threading and securing one of the attached single handcuff ends around the chain or center hinge of the detainee’s handcuffs.
   c. The attached handcuff ends shall not be used as the sole method of securing the detainee to the bench.
   d. At no time may a detainee secured to a bench be left unmonitored by a member or members of the Racine Police Department.
4. Notify the Investigative Commander (if one is present). Advise why the subject is being detained in the interview room.

NOTE:

Those seated on the bench immediately outside of the interview rooms will be able to hear virtually all conversations occurring in those rooms. Members should use caution in selecting which bench to use so as not to compromise their interviews.
SUPERVISOR:

1. Ensure adequate personnel are assigned to monitor the detainees.
2. Arrange for appropriate relief of monitoring officers.

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