

**OKLAHOMA COUNTY JUVENILE BUREAU
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

CHAPTER ONE: ADMINISTRATION and MANAGEMENT

**POLICY 1.14 – LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVIEWS OF JUVENILES IN
DETENTION**

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I. Policy:

Any juvenile held in the Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau (OCJB) Detention Center, who is questioned by law enforcement, must be questioned in a manner that does not interfere with the safe operation of the facility, or that would be detrimental to the health and safety of the juvenile in custody.

II. Procedure:

- A. It is the responsibility of the law enforcement agency or person conducting the interview to ensure proper notification has been made and the juvenile's constitutional and legal rights are preserved. The person or agency who will be conducting the interrogation is responsible for ensuring that they provide proper identification.
- B. When a law enforcement agency makes a request to interrogate a juvenile in detention, the request is to be directed to the Facility Administrator.
 - 1. The Facility Administrator or his/her designee will ensure that the interrogation will not represent a threat to or a disruption of the safe operation of the facility.
 - 2. If the interrogation presents a threat to the facility operations, the Facility Administrator shall request that the law enforcement agency/officer schedule the interview at a time and place that will not constitute a threat to or a disruption of the safe operation of the facility.
 - 3. If the juvenile is on probation or in custody of the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA), the Facility Administrator or designee contacts the appropriate agency personnel, and advises them of the request. The OCJB officer/OJA juvenile caseworker will be contacted to ensure the appropriate legal counsel and the parent/guardian is notified of the impending request to interrogate the resident. The OCJB officer/OJA juvenile caseworker, legal counsel and the parent/guardian will determine who should be present for the meeting.

4. The Facility Administrator or his/her designee will ensure that the interrogation is not conducted in a manner that is detrimental to the health or safety of the juvenile that is to be questioned.

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James L. Saffle, Director Date