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The TRUTH Act and Associated Notification Forms

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform members of the TRUTH (Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds) Act and the associated notification forms that members shall complete for compliance purposes.

The purpose of the TRUTH Act is to increase transparency and enhance undocumented defendants' understanding of their rights in the State of California. In order to comply with state law, the San Francisco Police Department must notify undocumented immigrants in our custody if we receive a voluntary request for detention/notification form in their name from Immigrations & Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Additionally, it is the policy of the SFPD that an undocumented immigrant in our custody and his/her attorney/designee shall be notified anytime that ICE makes an inquiry regarding that individual; whether the inquiry by ICE is in writing or made informally (such as an in person inquiry or telephone call). *In all cases of an ICE inquiry about a custody, the member shall provide a copy of the Request for Notification of Release to the individual and to his/her attorney/designee.*

Notification Protocol:

When providing a custody with notification of an ICE request or inquiry, the attached forms (SFPD 583A & SFPD 583B) shall be completed and given to the custody along with a copy of the ICE request. Copies of the ICE request and forms SFPD 583A & SFPD 583B shall be emailed to SFPD Legal Division at [REDACTED]

- SFPD Form 583A, Information Regarding ICE Request for Notification of Release;
- SFPD Form 583B, Designation of Persons to Receive ICE Information; custody completes & signs, designating person(s) to be notified of any ICE requests for notification.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Scott".
WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police

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