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PROCEDURE

When a police officer transports a suspect of the opposite sex, the police officer shall record the mileage with the dispatcher by radio or computer at the time of departure and arrival at the destination.

Police officers shall use the services of the same sex police officers or community service officer's for processing opposite sex suspects or prisoners whenever possible and practical.

Prisoners or suspects shall be touched only as necessary in taking them into custody and determining that weapons are not being concealed.

In an emergency, for reasons of safety, an opposite sex officer may conduct the search of prisoners or suspects, however, officers shall be aware of the sensitivities involved and conduct themselves accordingly. This may involve explaining to the prisoner or suspect why the search has to be done and should be conducted using the back of the hand when possible. Any time an opposite sex search is done, it should be conducted under the supervision of a police officer of rank and with witnesses.

All female prisoners shall be held separate from male prisoners.