

Scranton Police Department

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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Subject: Medical Mental (302) Patients
Distribution: All Police Personnel

Purpose: The Purpose of this policy is to establish a set of guidelines that the Scranton Police Department shall follow when dealing with calls pertaining to possible mental patients.

Policy: It shall be the policy of the Scranton Police Department that when resolving a situation involving a possible mental patient the following procedures shall be followed.

Procedure: When a police officer receives a report of a possible mental patient, the Officer shall:

1. Obtain all the possible information from the dispatcher or call source.
2. Determine whether the possible mental patient is an immediate threat to him/herself, the officer(s), or others.
3. Determine if any weapons are involved or accessible to the patient.

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Voluntary commitment :

1. Any person 14 yrs of age or over who believes they need treatment and understands the nature of voluntary treatment.
2. A parent, guardian, or person in Loco Parentis to a child less than 14 yrs of age.

Parent or guardian shall be notified in the event a juvenile/minor (under age 18 and non-emancipated) wishes to voluntary commit him/herself to a mental health facility.

Involuntary commitment : *See Attached Document*

Patient Security:

The security of any patient brought in by the police department with out-

standing charges or as an Involuntary Commitment being signed in by the officer shall be the responsibility of the Police Department. The security of all other patients shall be the responsibility of the Hospital.

Involuntary Warrant:

Upon serving an Involuntary Commitment (302) Warrant, the officer(s) shall immediately arrange for transportation to Scranton Counseling Center (during business hours) or the CMC hospital (during non-business hours, or unusual circumstances) the officer(s) shall remain and provide security until relieved by mental health personnel or the hospital security.

Transportation:

Transportation of Voluntary or Involuntary subjects shall be determined on a case to case basis, by the direction of a supervisor.

By Order of:

**Chief James Klee
Superintendent
Scranton Police Department**