

XXXX Police Department

Roll Call Training Program

Category: Care and Custody of Prisoners

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Date: _____ **Presenter:** _____ **Shift:** _____

Issue/Scenario: You are transporting a prisoner to jail for a misdemeanor offense. The prisoner is large and was chased down by a security guard for theft before being apprehended. Halfway to jail, the prisoner makes an unusual noise and you observe him lean over and appear to be unconscious.

What do you do?

Discussion: Officers must monitor prisoners while transporting for any signs of medical distress. In this case, the officer should immediately call dispatch and advise them of the situation and request assistance and an emergency medical response.

Pull to a safe location and stop the vehicle. Ensuring the prisoner is still secured, check for breathing and pulse.

If the prisoner is having difficulty breathing or does not have a pulse, remove the seat belt and pull the individual from the vehicle as best possible without further injury. Remove the handcuffs and begin CPR if indicated.

Officers must be aware of prisoners faking medical conditions in an attempt to escape and should be on guard for such situations. However, providing quick and proper medical assistance to a prisoner who is truly having medical difficulties is more important than losing a prisoner in an escape.

Policy Reference:

TBP Reference: 10.01

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