

# CITY OF ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Anderson, South Carolina

<b>DIRECTIVE TYPE</b> General Order	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> September 10, 2006	<b>NUMBER</b> 1901
<b>SUBJECT</b> Search of Prisoners is Required Prior to Transport		
<b>REVISED</b>		
<b>REFERENCE</b> SCLEA 19.1.1 & G/O 2016	<b>AMENDS/SUPERSEDES</b> All Others	
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b> All Personnel	<b>RE-EVALUATION DATE</b> Annual	<b>NO. PAGES</b> 1

**Policy**

Officers must adhere to a "duty of care" to provide safety to those in their custody. The method to accomplish this is through adherence to the written policies and procedures of the City of Anderson Police Department. All arrested persons present a potential risk to the safety of the arresting/transporting officer. This risk is present regardless of whether or not the prisoner is known (or not known) by the arresting officer, and whether or not the prisoner seems to present an obvious threat to the officer. The City of Anderson Police Department will take every reasonable measure to ensure the safety and security of prisoners in its custody, and protect its officers and the general public.

It is the policy of the City of Anderson Police Department that **EVERY PRISONER** who is transported in a police vehicle shall be **searched and handcuffed** by the transporting officer prior to being transported, unless handcuffing is specifically exempted under provisions of another general order. It is preferable, when reasonably possible, for an officer of the same sex as the prisoner to conduct the search. When this is not possible, the officer should attempt to have a witness present during the search.

All prisoners who are being transported must be searched every time that they come into contact with a transporting officer. This includes the initial transport to jail as well as to and from all court appearances.

For procedures governing strip searches and body cavity searches see general order 2016.

By order of:

  
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 Martin D. Brown, Chief of Police

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