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From: Schanaker, Scott
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 6:45 PM
To: Chapman, John (Sheriff)
Subject: RE: Jail Medical Refusals

John,

At the time of those incidents I spoke with Sgt. Ashworth. He seemed to have information about what was going on with Jail medical. The nurse's name was Chanel.

We had another incident that came to light from a couple of weeks ago. The suspect was brought in to jail and was refused entrance by medical. When asked by the deputy why the nurse claimed, "It looks like he's on drugs, but he's not saying what he's taken." When the deputy told the nurse that most of the people we bring in are on drugs her response was, "Yeah, but I don't want him to overdose." The deputy described this suspect as exhibiting no out of the ordinary/ excessive visible signs of being under the influence.

Last night there was an arrest of a sex offender with a warrant. As soon as the suspect was arrested he claimed he his chest hurt. (he has done this before on previous arrests) AMR arrived and he told them he has AFIB. They checked him out via EKG and agreed he has AFIB but he was fine. Suspect continued to complain of his chest hurting and AMR assured him he was fine and that the pain he was complaining of was not related to his heart, rather only muscle soreness. Deputies talked about what to do and some said that jail would not take the suspect regardless that AMR had checked him. One of the deputies called jail just to confirm what they already knew and the suspect was refused. This call began at approximately midnight. Deputies had to sit on suspect at Legacy all night and were relieved by dayshift who eventually transported the suspect to jail. This incident is an example of refusals from jail happen so regularly that deputies often don't even attempt to bring a suspect to jail if they complain of anything.

Let me know if you have any more questions.

Scott



-----Original Message-----

From: Chapman, John (Sheriff)

Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 11:51 AM

To: Schanaker, Scott

Subject: RE: Jail Medical Refusals

Thanks Scott...do we know the name of the nurse you were talking about? Or...the jail Sgt that knows who she is?

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From: Schanaker, Scott

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 4:24 PM

To: Chapman, John (Sheriff)

Subject: FW: Jail Medical Refusals

John,

I originally sent this to Duncan and he said Ken Clark is aware and is looking into it.

Thank you for looking into this.

Scott

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From: Schanaker, Scott

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 7:54 PM

To: Hoss, Duncan

Subject: Jail Medical Refusals

Duncan,

In the last two weeks there have been four instances that I am aware of where suspects have been arrested, brought to jail, and turned away by jail medical staff and custody sergeants - even after the suspects have been cleared medically by Legacy. This is confusing and concerning as we do not have the resources to spend the hours necessary to sit on individuals as they get medically cleared to then only be refused admittance by the jail.

I spoke with Custody Sgt. Ashworth regarding jail medical protocols. CCSO policy is clear that if a suspect is medically cleared at the hospital they were to be admitted into jail. He assured me that if a suspect has been cleared medically the jail will accept them. When I explained the issues county and city has been having, he repeated that if suspects have been cleared medically the jail will accept them. He says there would be no reason for suspects to not be accepted.

Further conversation with Sgt. Ashworth stated that per the medical contract, if medical staff admits a suspect and that suspect subsequently needs to go to the hospital, the medical contract has to pay for the expenses if it is a 'short' visit. If the visit is longer, CCSO pays for it.

The increasing regularity of this dilemma seems to indicate word is out in the community that when you are arrested and say you don't feel well or have swallowed something it can be a get out of jail free card.

We would like some direction on this matter as there appears to be some miscommunication between medical staff and custody sergeants regarding the proper procedure for admitting medically cleared individuals into the jail. Further, since this appears common knowledge with our frequent flyers, perhaps some procedure can be implemented to mitigate the impact of hours and hours of wasted patrol time if an arrestee simply says the magic words with no other corroborating symptoms.

Attached is a synopsis of four medical refusal incidents occurring over the last two weeks.

Let me know if you have any questions about this.

Respectfully,

Scott