
**NEVADA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



CORONER'S DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT

MEDICATIONS

POLICY

To outline for the deputy coroner the procedure for collecting medications and information needed when medications are found in conjunction with a coroner's case

PURPOSE

To set a standard procedure for the handling of medications by sheriff's personnel responding to coroner's cases

CODE REFERENCE

Government Code § 27491

CASE LAW

DEFINITIONS

PROCEDURE

- A. A property receipt will be left any time medications are seized for evidence or destruction.
- B. When medications are located in conjunction with a coroner's investigation (long-form), the deputy coroner will collect those medications.
- C. The medications shall be inventoried on a coroner's medication record and entered into the multimedia summary section of the RMS report. Medications may also be listed in the body of the report following the coroner's medication record format.
- D. Medications taken at a reportable non-coroner's case (short form) are done as a courtesy to the family. These medications need only be listed by name on the coroner's medication record or in the body of the report marked for "destruction".
- E. Medications from coroner investigations will be disposed of as follows:
 - 1. After final determination of cause of death.
 - 2. As directed by the chief deputy coroner.