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**DETENTION OR CONFINEMENT OF
PERSONNEL BY CIVILIAN LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

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This instruction establishes responsibilities and prescribes procedures for reporting the detention of assigned personnel by local civilian law enforcement agencies.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision updates wing and squadron designation, office symbols, and certifier. A “[” indicates revised material since the last edition.

1. Applicability. This instruction applies to all units assigned and/or attached to MacDill Air Force Base.

2. Responsibilities.

2.1. Unit commanders (or designated representatives) will:

2.1.1. Contact 6th Security Forces (6 SFS) when they have knowledge of a member of their unit being detained and brief 6 SFS on the circumstances of the detention.

2.1.2. Ensure they can be telephonically contacted during non-duty hours.

2.1.3. Under no circumstances will the unit commander, designated representative, first sergeant, or anyone else acting in an official Air Force capacity “sign” for an individual or make any other representation to civilian authorities that the Air Force has accepted custody of the individual. (This limitation does not apply when the individual is transferred to military pretrial confinement when the military has assumed jurisdiction over the offense.) If warranted by unusual circumstances, and only after coordination with the 6th Air Mobility Wing, Staff Judge Advocate (6 AMW/JA), proceed to the place of detention and provide the individual with assistance in securing release from detention. When a bond is necessary, unit commanders may contact the person designated by the detainee to inform that person of the necessity to post bond.

2.1.4. Complete all necessary follow-up actions to ensure the individual appears for scheduled court dates. Under no circumstances will the unit commander (or designated representative) or anyone else acting in an official Air Force capacity represent to the civilian authorities that the member is available for trial, nor will anyone guarantee the member's appearance in court.

2.1.5. If necessary and under unusual circumstances, and only after coordination with 6 AMW/JA, provide unit personnel to escort the member to court appearances.

2.2. The 6 SFS Commander will:

2.2.1. Establish procedures to notify commanders when members of their unit/command are detained by local civilian law enforcement agencies.

2.2.2. Effect such liaison as necessary with local civilian law enforcement agencies to assist commanders in securing the release and return of military personnel to military control consistent with the above limitations.

2.2.3. Obtain reports/information affecting military personnel from local civilian law enforcement agencies and forward them to respective commanders.

3. Procedures.

3.1. When the Security Forces Control Center (SFCC) receives notification of a civil arrest/detention involving an active duty military member, the on-duty desk sergeant will notify the respective unit commander or designated representative. The desk sergeant will provide the commander or designated representative with the following information: name of the individual, location of the detention, and requirements to secure the individual's release. The SFCC operator will notify the installation commander and the wing Command Post when the detainee is an E-9 or officer.

3.2. The SFCC operator will assist the unit commander/designated representative by providing them with directions to the applicable police agency or jail.

3.3. The civil authority confining/detaining a military member may release the member on bail or on member's own recognizance. The Air Force will not provide government funds to post bail, however, commanders may assist the member in contacting appropriate personnel/agencies in an effort to meet bail requirements. At the direction of the Commander, 6th Support Group, with the coordination of 6 AMW/JA, any member released by local authorities may be held in military pretrial confinement if the circumstances so dictate.

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