

## **Vehicle Pursuits**

### **307.1 VEHICLE PURSUIT DEFINED**

A vehicle pursuit is an event involving one or more law enforcement officers attempting to apprehend a suspect, who is attempting to avoid arrest while operating a motor vehicle by using high-speed driving or other evasive tactics, such as driving off a highway, turning suddenly, or driving in a legal manner but willfully failing to yield to an officer's signal to stop.

### **307.2 NO PURSUIT POLICY**

The California Department of State Hospitals, Office of Protective Services (OPS), has established a no pursuit policy. OPS personnel shall not engage in vehicle pursuits on or off hospital premises.

In the event OPS personnel make a vehicle stop, on or off hospital premises, and the driver of the vehicle being stopped flees, notification shall be made to affected allied agencies.

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