

FIFTEEN-DAY REVIEWS

AUTHORITY:	Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 727 and 737(b) Juvenile Court Rules, Rule 5.790(h)		
RESCINDS:	Procedure Manual Item 2-6-203, dated 01/06/2022		
FORMS:	Information for Court Officer	(F057-9099AF (04/20))	
	Fifteen-Day Review	(F057-5157)	
	Application for Petition/Intake	(F057-4024)	
	Modification Petition-Nonappearance	(F057-5120.ICR(04/20))	
PURPOSE:	To provide guidelines for completing Fifteen-Day Reviews to the Court when custody of a youth has been vested in the Probation Officer for suitable placement and the youth is detained pending execution of the disposition order.		

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. The Law

1. Section 737(b) WIC requires review in any case in which a placement youth is detained for more than 15 days pending the execution of the order of commitment or any other disposition. The Court shall periodically review the case to determine whether the delay is reasonable, commencing from the time the youth was initially detained pending execution of the Order of Commitment or any other disposition.
2. At each review, the Court shall inquire about:
 - a. Action taken by the Probation Department to carry out its order.
 - b. The reasons for the delay.
 - c. The effect of the delay upon the youth.

B. Fifteen-Day Reviews will be **calendared by the court** and the assigned Placement Officer **will complete the report**.

1. When a suitable placement has failed to be effective, **due to a variety of reasons such as the youth's behavior, closure of the facility, unsafe environment, etc.**, the placement officer will:
 - a. Make efforts to eliminate the need to return the youth to juvenile hall by seeking placement in other probation-approved Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) **or a probation-approved resource family home**.
 - b. Enter a youth into juvenile hall by completing an Application for Petition. On the line which follows "offense," write **778 WIC Change of Circumstances**, unless a probation violation is filed.

- c. Complete a Probable Cause Declaration form **explaining the change of circumstances** and the necessity **to find a new placement for** the youth.
 - d. Contact the parent or guardian informing them of the detention hearing date and time.
 - e. Complete Fifteen-Day Review **reports** until **a new placement is found**.
2. When a youth **in custody** receives **their initial** Placement Order from the Court **and is** pending their first placement:
- a. **The Court calendars** a Fifteen-Day Review.
 - b. The **assigned** Placement Officer is responsible for the preparation of a report every 15 days until **the youth is placed**.
 - c. In the event the Court does not calendar a **Fifteen-Day** Review, the assigned DPO shall **contact the probation court officer assigned to the court room to remind the court to set a hearing. If the probation court officer is unable to request a court hearing be scheduled, the assigned DPO can** request a hearing via modification petition. **The hearing should** be set 15 days after completion of a commitment or after the order for detention.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The DPO prepares, in triplicate, the Fifteen-Day Review for submission to the Court two days prior to the review date.
 1. When probation is not designated lead agency on a **crossover youth** case, the assigned DPO may submit an Information to Court Officer report, if requested by the court, in place of the Fifteen-Day Review as the social services agency is responsible for completing the required Fifteen-Day Review report.
- B. Each section of the report is to be sufficiently completed, in order to fully inform the Court of efforts made to comply with the Court's order.
 1. If placement has been accomplished, indicate this in Section I of the report, leave Sections II and III blank.
 2. If the youth has not been placed or committed, complete the entire form and indicate the youth's present housing location (juvenile hall, YGC, etc.)
 3. When filling out Sections II and III, be specific, and provide as much detail as possible.
 4. The Placement Unit Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) reviews the report and signs the report form.

REFERENCES:

Procedures:	2-6-201	Juvenile Placement Referral Process
	2-6-202	Out-of-Home Residence or Vacations for Juveniles

2-6-204 Placement Information Change Notice
2-6-207 Periodic, Permanency Planning Review and Status
Review Reports

Policies: F-2 Recommendations to the Court for
Dispositions/Sentencing and Commitments for
Minors
F-3 Foster Home Placement with County Employees

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