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**SUBJECT: Monthly Report for June 2026 on Internal Affairs Bureau  
Investigations, Closed-Circuit Television Review, and Searches at  
Barry J. Nidorf and Los Padrinos Juvenile Halls**

This monthly report reviewing the Los Angeles County Probation Department's (Probation Department) compliance with the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigations, closed-circuit television review, and search mandates outlined in the Order Amending Stipulated Judgment (Amended Order) for the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH) and the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH) covers the month of June 2026.

## Review of IAB Cases

The Amended Order in paragraph 18 requires the Office of Inspector General to report the number of new IAB referrals, open cases, and results of investigations conducted by the Probation Department. The Probation Department provided documentation to the Office of Inspector General indicating the following:

## Summary of Amended Order Compliance

June 2026

| Referrals <sup>1</sup> | Opened Cases <sup>2</sup> | Results of Completed Investigations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24                     | 16                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 1 investigation was <i>Sustained</i> (0 criminal and 1 administrative)</li><li>▪ 1 investigation was <i>Not Sustained</i> (0 criminal and 1 administrative)</li><li>▪ 0 investigations were <i>Unfounded</i></li><li>▪ 5 <i>Bureau Determination</i><sup>3</sup></li></ul> <p>(88 total number of current open cases - 68 administrative, 20 criminal).</p> |

The Office of Inspector General did not review the underlying facts of the investigations to form an opinion as to whether the results were appropriate, or if the investigations were conducted properly.

### Closed-Circuit Television

The Amended Order (paragraph 20) requires that the Office of Inspector General randomly select two days per month to determine the Probation Department's compliance with the Department's Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) review protocol. The Office of Inspector General is to review documentation and video recordings of use-of-force incidents and assess whether (1) the incident violates Department policies, the Amended Order or state law, (2) the incident has been properly identified and elevated to the appropriate Department staff and (3) the video recording was tampered with. Substantial compliance requires verification by the Office of Inspector General that

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<sup>1</sup> New cases referred to IAB for consideration for investigation.

<sup>2</sup> Cases opened for investigation by IAB during the month of June 2026.

<sup>3</sup> Cases rejected for investigation by IAB because they do not fit the criteria for a formal investigation and sent to the facility Bureau Chief at the facility to provide training or other non-disciplinary action to Probation Department staff.

the Department is compliant with its CCTV review protocol.<sup>4</sup> The Office of Inspector General reviewed CCTV video recordings to assess proper documentation of use-of-force incidents as well as the identification by Department staff of possible violations of law, judgment, or policy, and the proper elevation of such incidents for review. The Office of Inspector General also reviewed CCTV logs and monitored Department compliance with its CCTV protocols.

## Methodology

The Office of Inspector General constructed a sample of two days of CCTV video recordings relating to use-of-force incidents at BJNJH and LPJH for the month of June 2026. Office of Inspector General staff reviewed Physical Incident Reports (PIR), Safe Crisis Management Incident Reviews (SCM), as well as available CCTV video recordings. The Amended Order requires monthly verification by the Office of Inspector General that the Probation Department properly identifies and elevates use-of-force incidents that are not in compliance with its policies, the original stipulated judgment, or state law.

## June 2026 – Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

### Case Summary 1

Two youths started to fight in a living unit.<sup>5</sup> Two Deputy Probation Officers issued verbal commands, intervened and separated the youths. Both youths were escorted back to their assigned rooms and medically evaluated within the required timeframe.<sup>6</sup> CCTV video for this incident was available.

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<sup>4</sup> The Amended Order does not provide a numerical value for determining compliance.

<sup>5</sup> SCM LPJH 2026-2405.

<sup>6</sup> DSB Section 1008 (C) provides: “Any youth involved in a physical intervention incident in DSB facilities shall be referred to medical staff for assessment no later than thirty (30) minutes following containment of the occurrence.” The Probation Department indicated that the delay in medical assessment was due to the occurrence of multiple incidents.

| Violation of Policy or Law | Failure to Identify and Elevate | Evidence of Video Tampering |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NO                         | N/A                             | NO                          |

### Case Summary 2

A youth was using the telephone without permission.<sup>7</sup> A DPO intervened and a second DPO (DPO 2) took youth to the floor by grabbing him around the neck and shoulders. DPO 2 secured youth in a prone position and placed the youth in handcuffs.<sup>8</sup> The youth was medically evaluated within the required timeframe. CCTV video for this incident was available.

| Violation of Policy or Law | Failure to Identify and Elevate | Evidence of Video Tampering |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| YES                        | NO                              | NO                          |

### June 2026 – Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall

### Case Summary 1

Two youths started to fight in a living unit.<sup>9</sup> A DPO issued verbal commands, but the youth did not comply. The DPO deployed Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray and the youths stopped fighting. Both youths were decontaminated and medically evaluated within the required timeframe. CCTV video for this incident was available.

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<sup>7</sup> SCM LPJH 2026-2162.

<sup>8</sup> SCM sent the incident to the Central Intake Team for review of the force. DPO 2 was ordered to undergo training in proper control holds.

<sup>9</sup> SCM BJN 2026-0973.

| Violation of Policy or Law | Failure to Identify and Elevate | Evidence of Video Tampering |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NO                         | N/A                             | NO                          |

## Case Summary 2

A youth attempted to leave a classroom carrying a chair.<sup>10</sup> A DPO (DPO 1) intervened, and the youth pushed past DPO 1. DPO 1 took the youth to the ground with the assistance of three additional DPOs. The youth was medically evaluated within the required timeframe. CCTV video for this incident was available.

| Violation of Policy or Law | Failure to Identify and Elevate | Evidence of Video Tampering |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NO                         | N/A                             | NO                          |

## Search Logs

The Amended Order Detailed Plan in paragraph 25 requires the Office of Inspector General to review a randomly selected representative sample of searches conducted by the Probation Department to determine the Department's compliance with its search policies and state law and that searches were accurately documented. The Amended Order mandates that the Department follow its policies and state law in 90% of all searches. The Department's policy requires a *minimum* of *two* random searches of youths' rooms on the living unit during the morning and evening work shifts. (Required Searches).<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> SCM BJN 2026-0864.

<sup>11</sup> Detention Services Bureau (DSB) Manual 700, Section 715 and Secure Youth Treatment Facility Manual 700, Section 715 provides: Staff shall search youth's rooms daily. At the minimum, two (2) random room searches shall be conducted per each AM and PM shift. Searches should be scheduled in a manner that does not create a pattern for the youth to predict such searches. During the search, if any weapons or contraband are found, staff shall complete a Special Incident Report (SIR) and follow the procedures per the Crime Scene Evidence Preservation/Evidence Handling policy.

Based on this policy, there should be a total of four searches per living unit each day. In addition, the Department conducts body scans of youths in its interdiction efforts.<sup>12</sup>

For this reporting period, the Office of Inspector General included Campus Vernon Kilpatrick (CVK) in its continued review of the Probation Department's compliance with its search policies and state law, and accurate documentation of searches. The Residential Treatment Services Bureau (RTSB) policy, to which CVK is subject, requires a daily search of youths' room or camp dorm area; including bed area, sheets, blankets, desks, any personal items that are in the room, door jams, windows and light fixtures.<sup>13</sup> Per Department policy, these searches should be completed on each shift, and also include all areas that youth have access to (Required Searches). Based on this policy, there should be *two* total searches per living unit per day.

## Methodology

The Office of Inspector General requested documentation relating to all searches conducted for all living units in both work shifts for the month of June 2026. In response, the Probation Department provided search logs for 1086 work shifts at BJNJH, 1036 at LPJH and 537 shifts at CVK for June 2026.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Directive 1519 provides: Staff members conducting the body-scan and those within sight of the visual display shall be of the same sex as the youth being scanned or adhere to the youth's stated gender search preference as indicated on the Unit Classification form. (Penal Code § 4030; 15 CCR 1360). The body scanner viewing monitors shall not be in direct view of other youth.

<sup>13</sup> RTSB 1316 Searches in Detention Facilities.

<sup>14</sup> The daily searches reviewed were conducted in all 19 units at BJNJH and all 19 units at LPJH. In addition to daily unit searches by unit staff, there are also occasional searches by Special Enforcement Operations (SEO) officers or unit staff, typically based on suspicion(s) and/or observed activities reported by unit staff. At BJNJH, SEO or unit staff conducted no such searches in June 2026, nor at LPJH.

The Office of Inspector General randomly selected and reviewed four days of living unit searches conducted by Probation Department staff during the morning and evening shifts across all units at BJNJH, LPJH and CVK.<sup>15</sup> The Office of Inspector General determined compliance primarily based on information provided in the Department's search logs.

## Findings

### Unit Searches

The Office of Inspector General found that with a 97% compliance rate BJNJH met the requirements for conducting the Required Searches, meaning the Probation Department is in compliance with the Amended Order. LPJH met the requirements for conducting the Required Searches, with a 91% compliance rate.

The Office of Inspector General found that with a 70% compliance rate, CVK did not meet the requirements for conducting the Required Searches, meaning the Probation Department is not in compliance with the Amended Order.

### Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall

Of the sampled four days of unit searches at BJNJH in June 2026, the Probation Department conducted searches per unit as follows:

| 73 Sampled Living Unit Searches                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>4 searches per unit</i> – 71 times; 97% of the sampled living units. |
| <i>3 searches per unit</i> -0 times; 0% of the sampled living units.    |
| <i>2 search per unit</i> – 2 times; 2% of the sampled living units.     |
| <i>1 search per unit</i> – 0 times; 0% of the sampled living units.     |
| <i>0 searches per unit</i> - 0 times; 0% of the sampled living units.   |

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<sup>15</sup> The four days reviewed were June 02, 2026, June 20, 2026, June 23, 2026, and June 29, 2026. In constructing the samples described in this report, the Office of Inspector General followed current government audit standards to obtain a statistically valid sample and used a research randomizer to select incidents. (Off. of the Comptroller of the United States, U.S. Accountability Office (2018), <https://www.gao.gov/yellowbook>.)

The Office of Inspector General's review found that at BJNJH, the Probation Department conducted two searches per shift (four searches per day), as required by its policy in 97% of the sampled living units and is therefore in compliance with the Amended Order.

### Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

As noted above, the Probation Department policies require each living unit to be searched twice during the morning and evening shifts, for a total of four (4) searches per day. Of the sampled searches at LPJH in June 2026, the Department conducted searches per living unit as follows:

| 69 Sampled Living Unit Searches                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>4 searches per unit</i> – 63 times; 91% of the sampled living units. |
| <i>3 searches per unit</i> – 0 times; 0% of the sampled living units.   |
| <i>2 searches per unit</i> – 5 times; 7% of the sampled living units.   |
| <i>1 search per unit</i> – 1 time; 1% of the sampled living units.      |
| <i>0 searches per unit</i> – 0 times; 0% of the sampled living units.   |

The Office of Inspector General's review found that at LPJH the Probation Department conducted two searches per shift (four searches per day), as required by its policy in 91% of the sampled living units and is therefore in compliance with the Amended Order.

### Campus Vernon Kilpatrick

Of the sampled four days of living unit searches at CVK in June 2026, the Probation Department conducted searches per unit as follows:

| 40 Sampled Living Unit Searches                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>2 searches per unit</i> – 28 times; 70% of the sampled living units.             |
| <i>1 search per unit</i> – 9 times <sup>16</sup> ; 22% of the sampled living units. |
| <i>0 searches per unit</i> - 3 times; 7% of the sampled living units.               |

The Office of Inspector General's review found that at CVK, the Probation Department conducted one search per shift (two searches per day), as required by its policy in 70% of the sampled living units and is therefore not in compliance with the Amended Order.

### *Body-Scan Searches*

The Office of Inspector General requested documentation relating to all body-scan searches conducted in June 2026. Based on documentation provided, the Probation Department conducted 157 body scans at BJNJH and 791 at LPJH. The Office of Inspector General selected and reviewed a representative sample of searches for June 2026: 24 for BJNJH and 109 for LPJH.

The Probation Department is required to document each body scan in its electronic Probation Case Management System (PCMS). In addition, each body-scan search is required to be conducted by a Department staff member of the same sex/gender as the youth being searched.<sup>17</sup>

For BJNJH, based on the Office of Inspector General's review of PCMS records and body-scan documentation, the Probation Department entered body-scan information into PCMS in 16 of the 24 (66%) body scans conducted. In addition, the Department

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<sup>16</sup> Documentation provided by the Department that failed to clearly identify an AM or PM search, or where the Office of Inspector General could not determine an AM or PM shift were calculated as "0"; indicating no search was conducted.

<sup>17</sup> Directive 1519 provides: Each youth's scan records shall be included in their file and PCMS to prevent exceeding annual scan limits upon transfer within juvenile facilities. Staff members conducting the body scan and those within sight of the visual display shall be of the same sex as the youth being scanned or adhere to the youth's stated gender search preference as indicated on the Unit Classification form. (Penal Code § 4030; 15 CCR 1360). The body scanner viewing monitors shall not be in direct view of other youth.

conducted appropriate same sex/gender body scans in 24 of the 24 (100%) of the body scans conducted on the youths. BJNJH is in compliance with the Amended Order regarding conducting same sex/gender body scans but not in compliance with properly entering body-scan information into PCMS.<sup>18</sup>

For LPJH, based on the Office of Inspector General's review of PCMS records and body-scan documentation, the Probation Department entered body-scan information into PCMS in 106 of the 109 (97%) sampled searches conducted. The Department conducted required same sex/gender body scans in 109 of the 109 (100%) of the body scans conducted on the youths. LPJH is in compliance with the Amended Order regarding conducting same sex/gender body scans of youths and properly entering body-scan information into PCMS.<sup>19</sup>

For CVK, the Probation Department did not provide documentation for body scan searches conducted, stating that there is no body scan unit at CVK and such searches are not applicable at the facility at this time.<sup>20</sup> The Department stated that it's not required to perform body scans but rather utilize the body scan units whenever it's reasonably practicable in place of a pat down search, strip search or body cavity search. Directive 1519, the Department's body scan policy, provides:

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<sup>18</sup> The Office of Inspector General also noted that 100% of the body scans were conducted by Probation Department staff with certification for conducting body scans.

<sup>19</sup> Directive 1519 requires all staff members to complete comprehensive training prior to the operation of the body scanners. This comprehensive training includes a (2) hour course which addresses system operations, fundamental safety protocols and radiation safety, as well as hands-on training in scanning and camera operation. After certification, staff are also required to complete an annual refresher training. The Office of Inspector General noted that only 65% of the body scans were conducted by Probation Department staff with certification for conducting body scans.

<sup>20</sup> The Probation Department reports that it is not required to have a body scan unit at CVK and if there is a need to conduct a body scan, the youth would be transferred to BJNJH or LPJH.

“Body Scanning may be used at intake, after visiting, and other circumstances that can jeopardize the safety and security of the youth while respecting their dignity and rights. The following requirements shall apply to the use of the Body Scanner: All youth, except those suspected or confirmed to be pregnant, shall undergo a body scan during the intake process. . . Youth returning from any transportation outside the facility shall be scanned upon return to the facility prior to transfer to housing unit or being integrated with other youth.”

The Probation Department’s policy is unclear whether the Department is required to perform body scans at all facilities. The Department’s body scan policy does not contain language specifically excluding any Residential Treatment Services Bureau (RTSB) facility or camp from conducting such searches. Additionally, the Office of Inspector General did not identify any Department policies that exclude, prohibit, or absolve any RTSB facility or camp from conducting body scan searches. The Office of Inspector General has determined that implementing that body scan searches at CVK is appropriate given that youth girls and gender expansive youth are now housed at the facility. Accordingly, the Office of Inspector General recommends that a body scan unit be deployed at CVK and all youth returning to the facility be subjected to body scan screening in accordance with Department policy.

Because a body scanner is not being used at CVK, the Office of Inspector General could not review body scanning documentation to determine compliance with its body scanner policy nor determine its compliance with the Amended Order in this area.<sup>21</sup>

## Conclusion

The Office of Inspector General continues to recommend that the Probation Department: (1) continue to properly review CCTV video recordings for misconduct involving uses of force and investigating and determining whether staff engaged in misconduct, (2) continue to conduct living unit searches as required by policy, (3) continue to enter body-scan information into the PCMS system,

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<sup>21</sup> The Probation Department reported that it has not discovered any contraband at CVK and therefore, there was no need to log any relevant search information but will do so if contraband is found in the future. With respect to the body scanner policy, the Probation Department reported the policy was only intended to apply to those facilities with a body scanner and the requirements section of the policy therefore only applies when a facility uses a body scanner. However, the Department has reported that it has obtained an estimated cost for a body scanner and is in the process of purchasing it in the next fiscal year for the facility.

Michael P. Dempsey, Monitor

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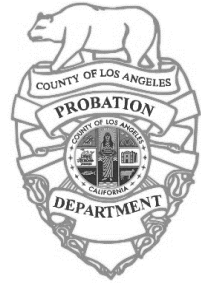
(4) continue to ensure that body-scan searches are always conducted by a staff member of the same gender as the youth searched or the stated gender search preference of the youth, (5) ensure that medical assessments are conducted in a timely manner.

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SUBJECT: **RESPONSE TO MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2026 ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU INVESTIGATIONS, CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION REVIEW, AND SEARCHES AT BARRY J. NIDORF, LOS PADRINOS AND CAMPUS VERNON KILPATRICK JUVENILE HALLS**

Thank you for sharing the validation draft of the June 2026 Monthly Report. Probation has advised it does not have any substantive disagreement with the OIG's findings; however, we would like to provide a brief update on where things stand on each of the issues identified as provided to us by Probation.

## **BJNJH – Body-Scan PCMS Entries:**

The OIG found that BJNJH entered body-scan information into PCMS for 66 percent of the sampled scans. Probation found the shortfall was largely due to confusion among staff regarding what constitutes an acceptable PCMS entry — some scans were documented through Special Incident Reports (SIRs) and/or case notes, which staff understood to be an appropriate method of recording the scan. Facility management has since clarified this for staff and will continue to follow up to ensure consistent entry. We'd note this stands in contrast to LPJH, which entered 97 percent of its sampled scans, and we intend to apply the practices contributing to that result at BJNJH.

## **CVK – Required Searches:**

The OIG found CVK conducted its Required Searches at a 70 percent compliance rate. As in Probation's responses to the April and May reports, Probation notes the ambiguity of whether the settlement agreement applies in full to the entirety of CVK or only the pre-disposition youth housed there. Regardless, CVK management is actively working to improve compliance, including reinforcing shift-level accountability for completing and

documenting the required searches and believes an improvement should be noted in subsequent OIG audits

**CVK – Body Scanner Recommendation:**

Regarding OIG's recommendation that a body scan unit be deployed at CVK, Probation continues to believe its policy and the settlement agreement do not require a scanner at that facility. That said, as indicated previously by Probation, the Department is in the process of procuring a body scanner for CVK and anticipates completing that procurement in the next fiscal year. Due to the cost, it must go through Chief Executive Office approval. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

**IAB Review:**

Probation's Internal Affairs Bureau reviewed the case summaries and assessments for LPJH and BJNJH in the report and concurs with the OIG's findings, with no corrections, comments, or additional feedback.

The County appreciates the OIG's continued collaboration and remain committed to working together toward full compliance across all three facilities. Happy to discuss any of the above further.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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