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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for August 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 August 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

August 2026

Referrals[1]	Opened Cases[2]	Results of Completed Investigations
2	12	▪ 6 investigations were *Sustained (1 criminal and 5 administrative)* ▪ 0 investigations were *Not Sustained* ▪ 0 investigations were *Unfounded* ▪ 5 *Bureau Determination*[3] (95 total number of current open cases - *76 administrative, 19 criminal*).

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

[1] New cases referred to IAB for consideration for investigation.

[2] Cases opened for investigation by IAB during the month of August 2026.

[3] These five cases represent cases completed by Probation Department contract investigators, who do not make findings or recommendations. Upon completion, these cases are returned to the Performance Management Unit for determination of findings by the Bureau Senior Director.

the Department is compliant with its CCTV review protocol.[4] 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 August 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.

August 2026 – Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

Case Summary 1

Two youths started fighting in a living unit. [5] Two Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) intervened and separated the youths. After the DPOs' intervention, Youth 1 continued to exhibit combative behavior. DPO 1 secured Youth 1 in a control hold and escorted him to his assigned room. Youth 2 remained in the living unit. Both youths were medically evaluated; however, Youth 1 was medically assessed one hour and 28 minutes beyond the required timeframe.[6] CCTV video for this incident was available.

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[4] The Amended Order does not provide a numerical value for determining compliance.

[5] SCM LPJH 2026-2988.

[6] 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
YES ▪ Youth was not medically assessed in a timely manner. ▪ Child Safety Assessments were not completed in a timely manner.[7]	NO	NO

Case Summary 2

A youth exhibited recalcitrant and out-of-control behavior in a living unit.[8] Three DPOs confronted the youth attempting to de-escalate his behavior, but the youth failed to comply. DPO 1 secured both of the youth's arms and upper torso against a living unit wall to gain control of youth's behavior, while DPOs 2 and 3 remained in the immediate area. While DPO 1 was attempting to secure the youth, the youth struck DPO 2 in the face. DPO 2 responded by striking the youth's head/face area with closed fists. The youth was then taken to the floor by DPOs 1 and 3. CCTV depicted an excessive use-of-force by DPO 2 while the youth was taken to the floor. The youth was then handcuffed and escorted to his assigned room. The youth remained handcuffed in his room for approximately twenty (20) minutes without supervision by Probation Department staff.[9] The youth was medically evaluated within the required timeframe. CCTV video for this incident was available.

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[7] DSB Section 1008 (B) provides: "Upon being notified that a physical intervention incident has occurred, the duty supervisor shall immediately conduct a Child Safety Assessment (CSA) involved in the incident . . . The CSA shall be completed within *one hour* of being notified." (Emphasis added)

[8] SCM LPJH 2026-3028.

[9] DSB 1007 (D) provides: "When youth are placed in restraints, continuous, direct visual supervision shall be conducted to ensure that the restraints are properly employed and ensure the youth's safety and well-being...The Supervisor or any on-site officer shall continually monitor for signs or symptoms of youth displaying distress while in restraints."

Violation of Policy or Law	Failure to Identify and Elevate	Evidence of Video Tampering
YES ▪ Child Safety Assessment was not completed timely. ▪ Staff failed to provide continuous, direct visual supervision of youth while in physical restraints. ▪ DPOs failed to submit reports timely.[10] ▪ Supervisor or higher failed to submit post-incident debrief timely.[11]	NO The SCM reviewer properly identified the policy violations	NO

August 2026 – Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall

Case Summary 1

Two youths started to fight in a living unit.[12] A DPO issued verbal commands to the youths to stop but they failed to comply. DPO 1 intervened, separated the youths and

[10] DSB 1008 (A) provides: "All officers who are involved in, witness to, and/or on duty during a shift wherein a crisis situation occurs and is resolved through the use of physical, chemical intervention, or physical restraint shall complete a PIR or SUPP-PIR (as appropriate) immediately following the incident, but no later than the end of the eight (8)-hour shift (6:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 2:00 PM -10:00PM; or 10:00 PM -6:00AM) in which the incident occurs, or, as otherwise directed by the duty supervisor."

[11] DSB 1008 (B) provides: "All use of force incidents must include a post-incident debriefing with any staff or youth who was involved or witnessed the use of force to mitigate the effects of trauma and training. These debriefings must be conducted by a supervisor or a higher within four (4) hours after completing the CSA."

[12] SCM BJN 2026-1179.

escorted Youth 1 out of immediate area. Three additional DPOs responded, secured Youth 2 and escorted him to his room. Youth 1 was subsequently escorted to his room. Both youths were medically evaluated within a reasonable timeframe.[13] CCTV video for this incident was available.

Violation of Policy or Law	Failure to Identify and Elevate	Evidence of Video Tampering
YES ▪ DPOs failed to submit reports timely.	NO ▪ The SCM reviewer properly identified the policy violations.	NO

Case Summary 2

A youth attempted to fight another youth in a living unit. [14] A DPO intervened and placed Youth 1 on the floor. Youth 1 was escorted by DPO 1 and DPO 2 to the youth's room. The youth was medically assessed three hours and 2 minutes after incident. CCTV video for this incident was available.

Violation of Policy or Law	Failure to Identify and Elevate	Evidence of Video Tampering
YES ▪ DPOs failed to submit reports timely.	NO ▪ The SCM reviewer properly identified the policy violations.	NO

[13] SYTF 1008.6 provides: "Any youth involved in a physical intervention incident in facilities shall be referred to medical staff for assessment when it is reasonable and safe to do so, following containment of the occurrence."
[14] SCM BJN 2026-1235.

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).[15]

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.[16]

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.[17] 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.

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[15] 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.

[16] 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.

[17] RTSB 1316 Searches in Detention Facilities.

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 August 2026. In response, the Probation Department provided search logs for 1061 work shifts at BJNJH, 1144 at LPJH and 575 shifts at CVK for August 2026.[18]

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.[19] 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 a 97% compliance rate at both BJNJH and LPJH, meaning the Probation Department is in compliance with the Amended Order.

The Office of Inspector General found an 85% compliance rate at CVK, and it is not in compliance with the Amended Order.

Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall

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

[18] The daily searches reviews were conducted in all 19 units at BJNJH and LPJH, and all 10 living units at CVK. 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 2 such searches in August, no such searches were conducted at LPJH or CVK.

[19] The four days reviewed were August 8, 2026, August 20, 2026, August 24, 2026, and August 27, 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.)

70 Sampled Living Unit Searches
4 searches per unit – 68 times; 97% of the sampled living units.
3 searches per unit - 0 times; 0% of the sampled living units.
2 search per unit – 2 times; 3% of the sampled living units.
1 search per unit – 0 times; 0% of the sampled living units.
0 *searches per unit*- 0 times; 0% of the sampled living units.

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 August 2026, the Department conducted searches per living unit as follows:

73 Sampled Living Unit Searches
4 searches per unit – 71 times; 97% of the sampled living units.
3 searches per unit – 0 time; 0% of the sampled living units.
2 searches per unit – 1 time; 1% of the sampled living units.
1 search per unit – 0 times; 0% of the sampled living units.
0 searches per unit – 1 time; 1% 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 97% 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 August 2026, the Probation Department conducted searches per unit as follows:

40 Sampled Living Unit Searches
2 searches per unit – 34 times; 85% of the sampled living units.
1 search per unit – 4 times[20]; 10% of the sampled living units.
0 *searches per unit*- 2 times; 5% 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 85% of the sampled living units and is therefore out of compliance with the Amended Order.

Body-Scan Searches

The Office of Inspector General requested documentation relating to all body-scan searches conducted in August 2026. Based on documentation provided, the Probation Department conducted 248 body scans at BJNJH and 769 at LPJH. The Office of Inspector General selected and reviewed a representative sample of searches for August 2026: 31 for BJNJH and 99 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

[20] 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.

required to be conducted by a Department staff member of the same sex/gender as the youth being searched.[21]

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 28 of the 31 (90%) body scans conducted. In addition, the Department conducted appropriate same sex/gender body scans in 26 of the 31 (83%) of the body scans conducted on the youths. BJNJH is out of compliance with the Amended Order regarding conducting same sex/gender body scans and in compliance with properly entering body-scan information into PCMS. [22]

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 98 of the 99 (98%) sampled searches conducted. The Department conducted required same sex/gender body scans in 98 of the 99 (98%) 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.[23]

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

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[21] 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.

[22] 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.

[23] 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 54% of the body scans were conducted by Probation Department staff with certification for conducting body scans.

are not applicable at the facility at this time.[24] The Department stated that it is 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:

> "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.[25]

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[24] 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.

[25] 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.

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, (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 AUGUST 2026 ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU INVESTIGATIONS, CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION REVIEW, AND SERCHES AT BARRY J. NIIDORF JUVENILE HALL, LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL**

On October 6, 2026, we received a validation draft of the above-referenced Monthly Report for August 2026. After reviewing the report, we provided feedback to the Office of Inspector General (OIG), which we understand will be incorporated into the finalized report.

Based on our review of the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH) and Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH) case summaries and assessments in the validation draft, the Department concurs with the OIG's findings. The Department agrees that the incidents reviewed were accurately summarized and assessed for SCM LPJH 2026-2988, SCM LPJH 2026-3028, SCM BJNJH 2026-1179, and SCM BJNJH 2026-1235. The matter associated with SCM LPJH 2026-3028 was referred to Internal Affairs in August 2026, and the matter associated with SCM BJNJH 2026-1179 was referred to PMU in August 2026.

As reflected in the validation report, the Department continues to review the incidents identified by the OIG and address any areas of concern to ensure ongoing compliance with applicable policies, procedures and requirements.

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