WHEN CAN ICE ASSUME CUSTODY OF AN INMATE?

Understanding the Alexandria Sheriff's Office Release and Transfer Procedures

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INMATE INTAKE



When someone enters our jail, they are fingerprinted, and their information is checked against law enforcement databases as required by law. This automatically alerts other law enforcement agencies that the person is in our custody, and those agencies, including ICE, may send us outstanding arrest warrants.

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RELEASE PROCESS



When an inmate is authorized for release, the Sheriff’s Office begins its standard release process, which can take up to eight hours. This includes reviewing outstanding warrants, completing paperwork, conducting medical checks, returning personal property, and ensuring the jail operates safely and securely.

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AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS



If an inmate has an outstanding arrest warrant, the issuing agency is notified as part of the release process. The Sheriff’s Office follows the same notification process for all law enforcement agencies with outstanding warrants, including ICE.

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TRANSFER OF CUSTODY



ICE may assume custody during the standard eight-hour release process on the inmate’s release date. If they do not, the inmate is released from custody.

The Alexandria Sheriff's Office does not hold inmates beyond their release date.