



Corrections & Detention®

Mesa Verde Detention Facility
425 Golden State Ave
Bakersfield California 93301

Detainee Legal Calls

Mesa Verde Detention Facility will ensure privacy for detainee telephone calls regarding legal matters. For this purpose, the facility has provided a reasonable number of telephones on which detainees can make such calls without being overheard by staff or other detainees. Absent a court order, staff may not monitor phone calls made in reference to legal matters.

Privacy may be provided in a number of ways, including:

1. Within the housing unit, telephones have privacy panels (side partitions) that extend at least 18 inches to prevent conversations from being overheard.
2. Detainees are afforded opportunity to utilize an unmonitored phone from one of the four private attorney rooms.
3. If the private attorney rooms are occupied an office with an unmonitored phone will be made available to the detainee for calls regarding their legal matters.
4. Detainees will not be restricted in the number of calls he or she places to their legal representative or limit the duration of the call unless necessary for security purposes or to maintain orderly and fair access to telephones.

Process

5. Detainees must submit a detainee request (KITE) to the shift supervisor with the phone number of the Law Office of the attorney representing the detainee. The provided number will be verified by onsite staff as well by Talton Communications in order to validate the number. Additionally, the attorney will be asked to provide their bar card number for verification. Once approved as a legal representative, the number will be placed as unmonitored.
6. When an attorney wishes to initiate contact by phone with a detainee assigned to Mesa Verde DF, they will contact the facility at 661-859-1028 and request to speak with the Program Manager at extension 142. The Program Manager will log the attorney contact information (to include the attorney's bar card number) and request the time slot (30 minutes to 1 hour) when the attorney wishes to be called by the detainee. Barring any logistical or operational issues, detainees will be allowed to contact their attorney(s) during the window identified by the attorney.

Telephone calls made by detainees on their legal matters shall not be electronically monitored absent a court order.