

GREENE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

PUBLIC INFORMATION SHEET

VISITATION

Inmates are provided the opportunity to visit with friends and/or family at least twice a week for a minimum of 15 minutes per visit. The visiting hours can be found at the bottom of this webpage.

In cases of emergency, the Chief Jailer may allow visitation at times other than those already scheduled.

Inmates and visitors are **REQUIRED** to abide by visitation rules at all times. The visitation rules are posted in the visitation area and in the inmate handbook.

Each inmate is to submit a list of names and address of proposed visitors. The list is then reviewed to ensure compliance with the following guidelines:

- Persons under the age of eighteen (18) may visit only if they are a member of the inmate's immediate family and are accompanied by an adult, parent or guardian.
- Persons on probation, parole, or other forms of conditional release must obtain permission from both their supervising agency and the Chief Deputy of Detention.
- Persons with a criminal history are not to be automatically excluded but the nature and the extent of their record will be taken into consideration.
- Persons shown to constitute a threat to the facility security and order will be excluded from the visitation list.

Inmates in disciplinary separation may have the visitation withheld for up to 14 days.

Visitors may be searched by a staff member of the same sex if there is reasonable suspicion to believe that contraband exist. In the event that contraband is found, steps will be taken to investigate and prosecute the offender.

Visitation may be terminated at any time if:

- Visitation rules are violated
- Visitor does not produce sufficient identification or falsifies identification.
- Visitor or inmate refuses to submit to a search of their person.
- Contraband is found.
- Security and order may be compromised.

The visitor will then be removed from the approved visitation list.

Mail

Inmates are allowed to send and receive mail unless there is documented justification for limitation on mail privileges.

All incoming mail is subject to be opened and search for contraband. Mail marked as coming from attorney, court officials, government officials and media is considered privileged but is subject to be searched in the inmate's presence.

Letters are to be censored (withheld) when they contain:

- plans for escape
- threats of harm
- plans for disorder
- plans to make contraband
- threats of blackmail or extortion
- evidence of a crime

Bond Procedures

Cash Bond

Once the bond amount has been established, an additional \$20.00 bond fee for in county bonds and \$38.00 out of county bond fee is to be added to the bond and designated for the Peace Officers Annuity Fund.

An inmate may post a cash bond with cash, traveler's check, or a cashier's check equal to the total amount of the bond.

After the inmate has signed the bond, the Detention Officer will provide the inmate a receipt for the cash or check received.

Except for certain types of offenses the inmate is to be informed that forfeiture of the bond does not settle the case and failure to appear in court will result in a bench warrant being issued for his arrest.

Property Bond

Inmates may be released on a property bond, provided the surety owns property that is valued at two times the amount of the bond. Before approving a person to sign as a surety on a property bond, the Detention Officer **is** to ensure:

- property is located in Greene County, Georgia
- the property is improved real estate
- provides a warranty deed, current real estate tax receipt, current year amortization schedule (mortgage loan statement from bank) or is listed in the local county tax book
- the equity in real estate must be at least equal to the amount of the bond
- all owners of record (those shown on the deed) must sign the affidavit on the bond. No property can be used if there are more than two owners
- all bonds are to be approved by the Sheriff or his designee

In the event the surety's property is in another city or county, he must have the Sheriff of that jurisdiction (his/her designee) approve the bond. Upon receipt of an out of county bond, the detention officer will place a call to that county to verify the authenticity of the bond

Bonding Company

Inmates eligible for property bond may enter into a contractual agreement with a professional bondsman to serve as surety on their bond.

Only those bondsmen approved by the Sheriff may serve as surety for any bonds written at the Greene County Detention Center

A list of available bondsmen is provided in the public lobby and booking area.