



Mechanical Restraint Determinations

JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION

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Relevant Statutes

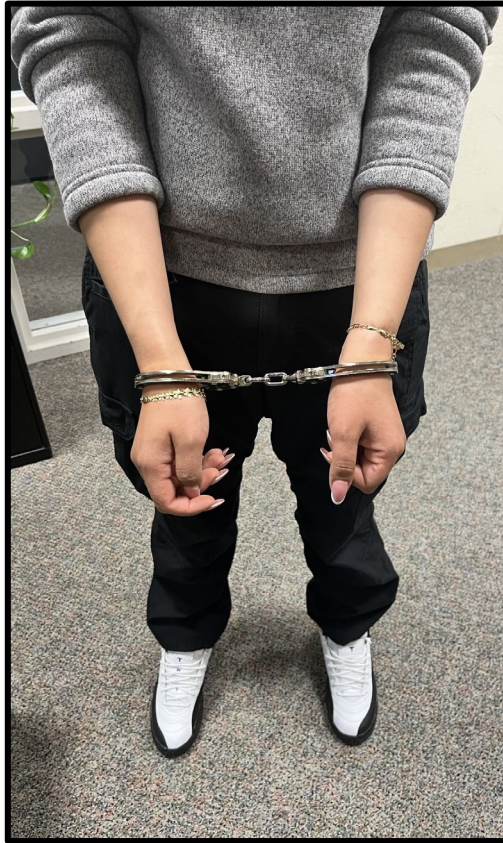
- Welfare & Institutions Code Section 210.6:
 - Mechanical restraints may be used during transportation **outside of the facility** only upon a **determination made by the probation department** [...] that the mechanical restraints are **necessary to prevent physical harm to the juvenile or another person or due to a substantial flight risk**.
 - [Probation] shall use the **least restrictive form** of restraint consistent with security needs.
 - If probation uses restraints **other than handcuffs**, the department must **document** their use and the reasons for use.
- Welfare & Institutions Code Section 222/Penal Code Section 3407:
 - A ward known to be **pregnant/in recovery** after delivery shall not be restrained by leg irons, waist chains, or handcuffs behind the body.

Currently Used Restraints

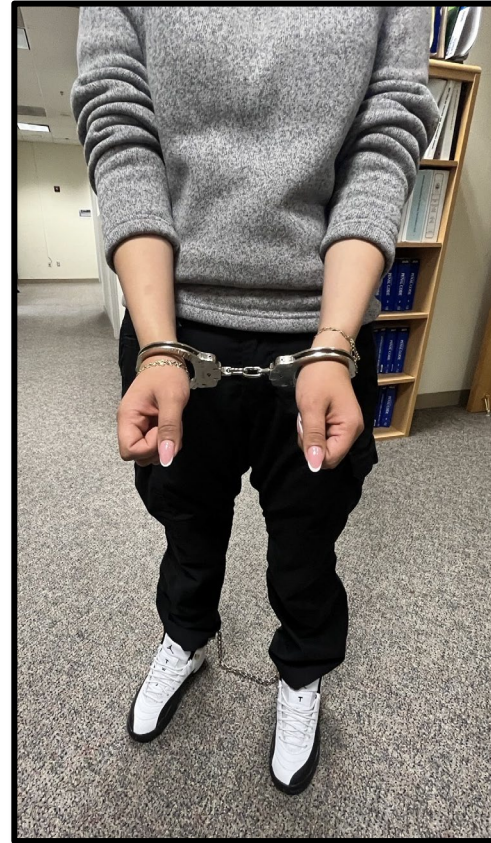


- **Handcuffs** are approximately 10 ounces (approximately ½ lb)
- **Waist Chains** with pad lock are between 26-36 ounces (approximately 1.9 lbs)
- **Leg Irons** are between 16 and 30 ounces (approximately 1.4 lbs)
- **Transport Leg Brace** is 40 ounces (approximately 2.5 lbs)

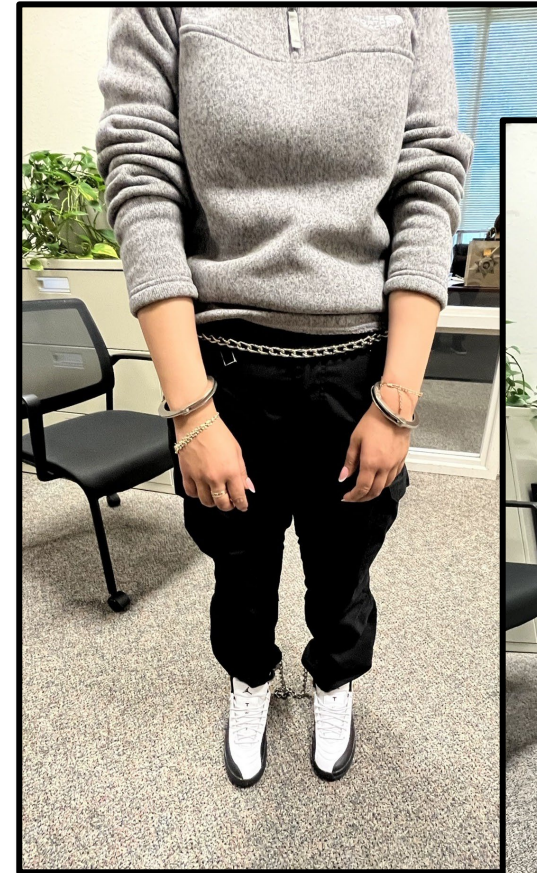
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Handcuffs




Handcuffs + Leg Irons



Waist Chain +
Leg Irons



Mechanical Restraint Determination (MRD)


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Youth Name: [REDACTED] PIN: [REDACTED] JJC Unit: [REDACTED]
 Transport from: [REDACTED] Transport to: [REDACTED]
 Date/Time of Transport: [REDACTED] Date/Time of Return: [REDACTED]
 Signature of Assigned DPO: [REDACTED] Supervisor Signature: [REDACTED]

IF NOT RECOMMENDING MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS, MARK THE BOX BELOW:


JPD is recommending release, and minor is being transported to Court without mechanical restraints. If the Court orders the minor detained, the youth may be handcuffed per the below MRD criteria for return to Juvenile Hall.

JPD recommends the minor be transported to Court without mechanical restraints. Based on currently available information, the youth does not pose a danger to themselves or others and is not a substantial flight risk.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS AS YOU MAKE YOUR INDIVIDUALIZED DETERMINATION. CHECKING OFF A FACTOR DOES NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS:

1. Youth is a danger to self or others (check all that apply)
 - Youth is presently demonstrating agitated or physically aggressive behavior, including resistance to cooperate with transport
 - Youth has engaged in threatening or assaultive behavior toward others within the last 3 months or twice in the last 6 months, including behavior both in custody and/or in the community
 - Youth has been found in possession of contraband that could be used to harm self or others (e.g. weapons, manufactured weapons) while in custody within the last 6 months
2. Youth is a substantial flight risk (check all that apply)
 - Youth has expressed intent or has engaged in attempts to flee or escape custody within the last 6 months
 - Youth has been found in possession of contraband that could be used to aid in escape (e.g. tools, manufactured tools, weapons, manufactured weapons, correspondence suggestive of a plan or intent to escape, electronic devices such as cell phones or other portable communication devices) while in custody within the last six months
 - Youth is presently in custody as a result of AWOL from placement (within the last 6 months or 3 or more AWOLs within the last year)
 - Youth is pending adjudication or disposition on a 707(b) offense (e.g. murder, rape, carjacking, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated assault, etc.) This box does not apply once the minor sustains a non-707(b) offense

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- Youth has sustained a 707 (b) offense and JPD is recommending removal from the home
- Youth is ordered transferred to another jurisdiction (out of county transfer, adult jail, or out of county SYTF)
- Youth is ordered committed into San Francisco's Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) or JJC (Juvenile Justice Center)

Select Final Decision

If choosing to use restraints beyond handcuffs, provide a justification explaining why restraints are needed and why specific restraints are chosen.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

No Mechanical Restraints required Handcuffs required
 Mechanical Restraints other than handcuffs required. Select type(s) of restraint used.
 Waist Restraints Leg Restraints Other [REDACTED]

Person Transporting from JJC [REDACTED] Person Transporting to JJC [REDACTED]

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MRD Form Evolution

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- **2022:** JPD revised 2019 form with input from court partners
- **2023:** Revised form implemented, basic data tracking begins, second revision
- **2024:** Reconsideration protocol established, third revision with input from OYCR's Ombudsperson & City Attorney
- **2025:** Form moved into AutoMon to improve data tracking capacity; fourth revision

Court Reconsideration Protocol

- In collaboration with court and defense, JPD implemented a new process in April of 2024 for youth being transported to court:
 - Prior to each court session, **JPD Court Officers provide a list** in the courtroom highlighting all youth who JPD plans to transport to court in restraints based on JPD's MRD result.
 - **Defense counsel may review** the list and notify the court of any youth for whom they want a review of JPD's determination.
 - **Court may order** JPD to transport a youth without restraints.

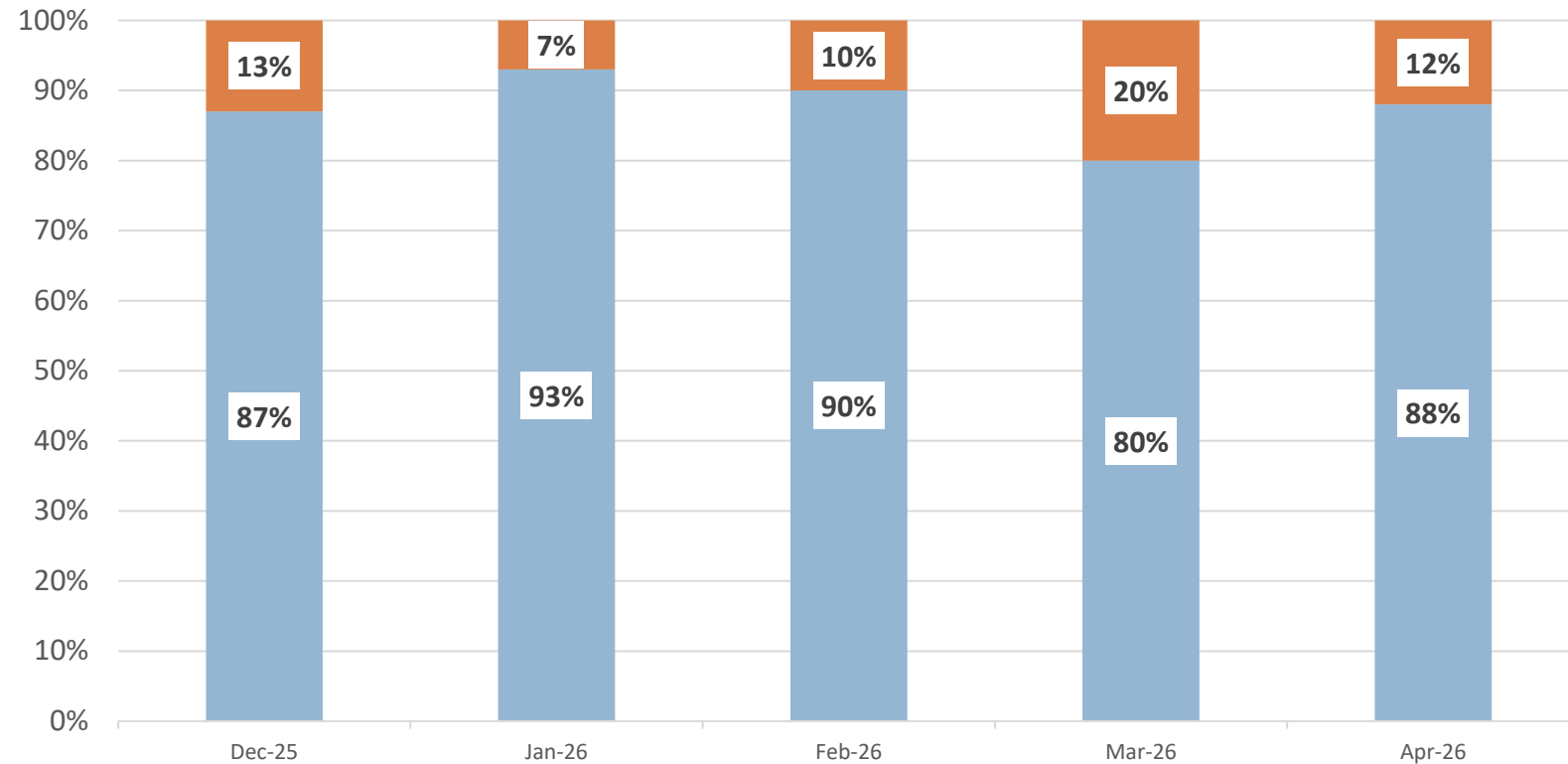
Offsite Appointments Protocol

- The vast majority of off-site medical appointments are at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH).
 - SPY staff provide the JJC Scheduler with a weekly appointment list.
 - JJC staff call ahead to **work with medical staff to create a plan** that maximizes youth privacy.
 - On day of, SPY staff provides paperwork to JJC staff and initiates process with SFGH.
 - Once at SFGH, JPD staff typically escort youth into facility through **emergency entrance/sheriff checkpoint**.
 - At appointment destination, the receptionist/medical staff grant JPD staff and youth **expedited access to a private room**.
 - Once youth is in private room, one staff returns to lobby to complete registration.
- For other appointments, Probation Officers take similar steps.

MRD Data Analysis

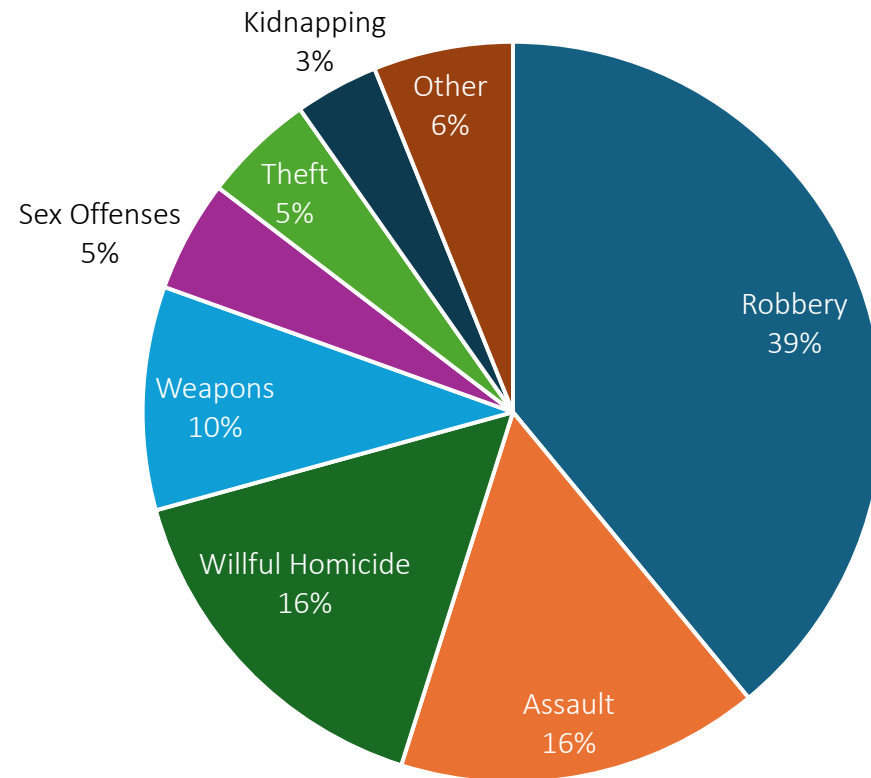
- Go live date of Mechanical Restraint Determination events in AutoMon was December 8, 2025
- All analyses in presentation reflect MRDs entered in AutoMon from December 8, 2025 through April 30, 2026

Mechanical Restraint Determinations by Month



	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
No Mechanical Restraints Required	13%	7%	10%	20%	12%
Mechanical Restraints Required	87%	93%	90%	80%	88%
# MRDs	53	71	59	75	58

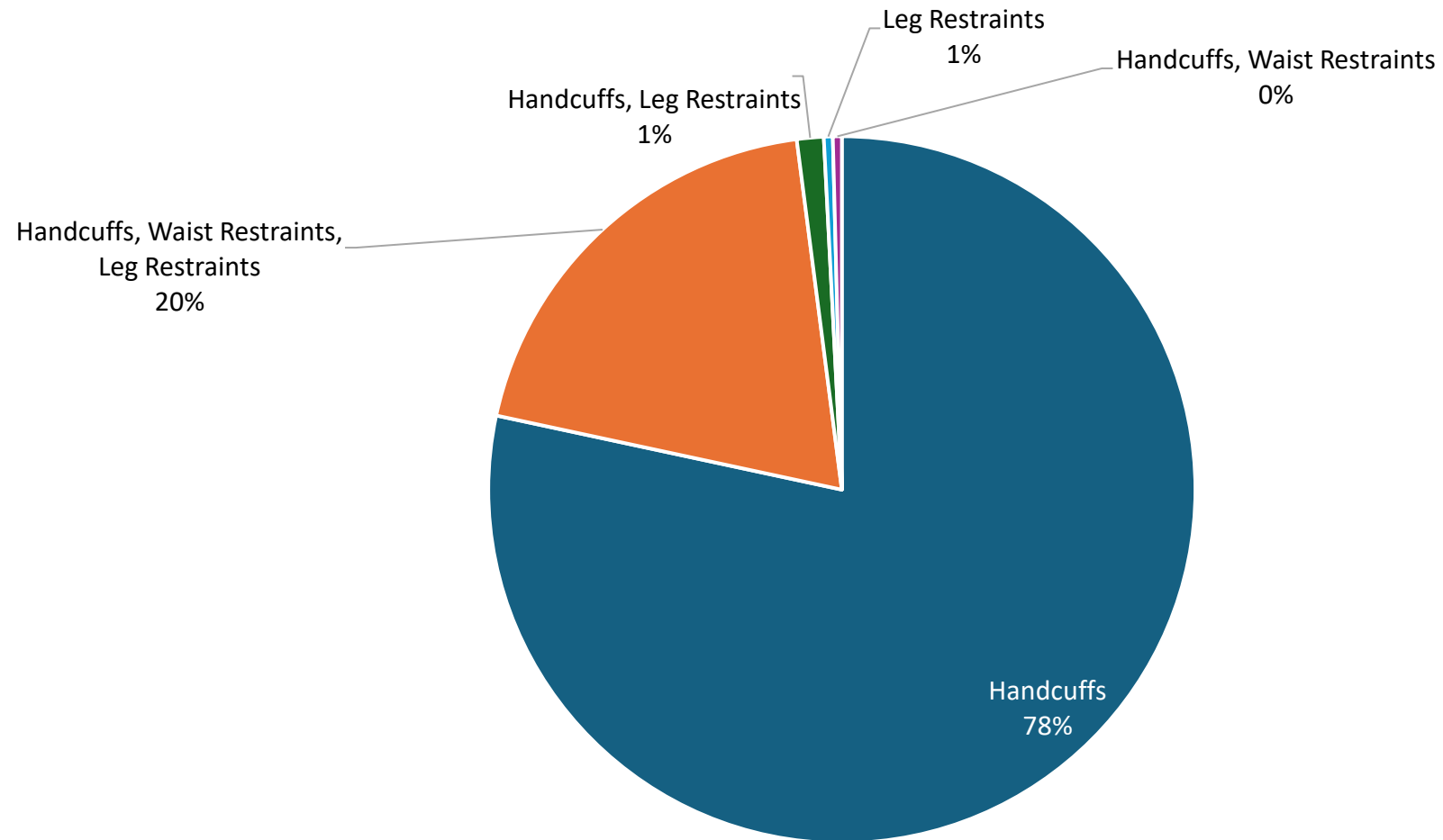
Most Serious Charge on Most Recent Petition Filing for Youth Who Were Restrained



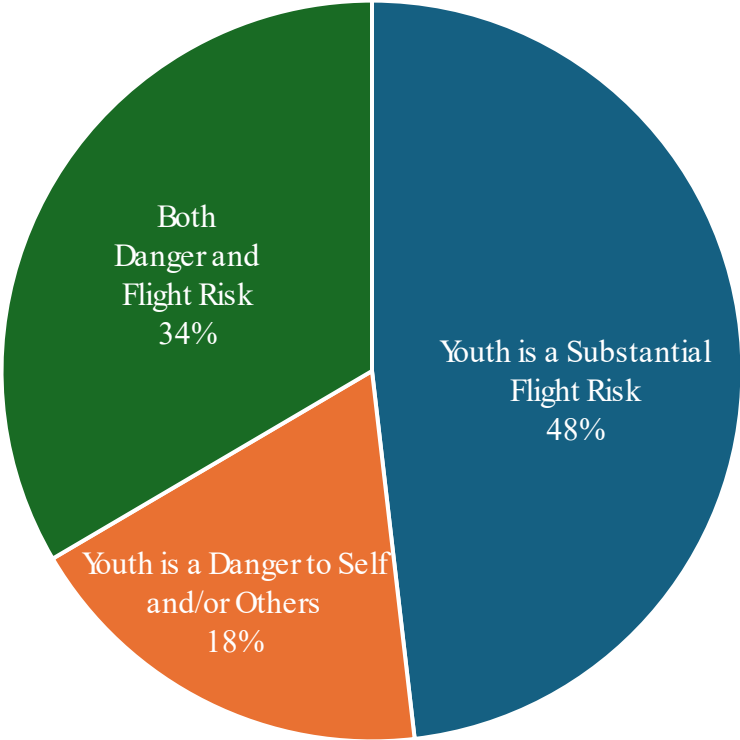
External Transportation Locations for Youth Who Were Restrained

Transport To	Count	Percent
Court	260	83%
Medical/Dental	48	15%
JJC	1	0%
Alameda JJC	1	0%
County Jail	1	0%
SFO Terminal 3	1	0%
Tulare County	1	0%
Solano County	1	0%
Fresno County	1	0%

Combinations of Mechanical Restraints Used



Justifications for Mechanical Restraints



Ongoing Work

- Data analysis and training
- Aligning SYTF program model with individualized determinations
- Procuring additional transport leg braces to use in lieu of traditional leg restraints
- Review of available alternatives for other restraint types
- Working with OYCR Ombudsperson



Questions?