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Temporary Closure of Musick Jail to begin July 18

SANTA ANA, Ca. (July 11, 2019) – In March 2019, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Don Barnes announced changes to Orange County Jail operations, including the temporary closure of the James A. Musick Facility in Irvine and ending the agreement with the Federal Government to house Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees. On July 10, 2019, the last detainees were transferred from Orange County Sheriff's custody, and the temporary closure of Musick will begin on July 18, 2019.

All inmates housed at Musick will be transferred to housing locations at the three other Orange County Jail facilities by July 18. During the temporary closure of Musick, a limited number of staff will remain onsite for facility security and minimal operational needs, such as laundry services for the jail system.

The temporary closure of Musick and ending of the ICE contract are major changes to Orange County's jail operations to efficiently use Department resources and address the increasing need for inmates requiring mental health services.

The plans to upgrade the Intake Release Center are being finalized and construction on the booking operations triage area and three housing modules is expected to begin by the fourth quarter of 2019.

Musick will be reopened when the construction of two new state-funded housing facilities are completed. The 512-bed and 384-bed facilities are specifically designed to meet the growing needs of today's inmate population. The estimated completion is fall of 2022.

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