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What your County charges as a booking fee, and what is included in the booking procedure

The fee is $154.00. Booking activities include:

(1) receiving the arrestee at the detention facility
(2) determining whether the arrestee has been booked before
(3) determining whether the arrestee has any outstanding warrants
(4) screening the arrestee for special medical needs
(5) determining the aresstee's blood alcohol level (when necessary)
(6) searching the arrestee
(7) inventorying and storing the arrestee's personal belongings
(8) preparing a booking and property record for the arrestee
(9) fingerprinting the arrestee
(10) photographing the arrestee
(11) screening the arrestee for possibility of an own recognizance release
(12) creating or updating a booking jacket for the arrestee
(13) running a Cal-ID check on the arrestee
(14) determining appropriate housing for the arrestee
(15) processing qualified arrestees for release
(16) ensuring security for arrestees and staff

Reductions in bookings in county jails: impact on overcrowding, county expenses

An analysis of booking data suggests that the jail booking fee is not associated with the decrease in jail bookings. That's based on data for January - June 1990 and January - June 1991. On a month-to-month comparison bookings are down, but that trend started before booking fees were initiated.

Types of offenders who are still being booked, and types of offenders who are not booked.....

Both felony and some misdemeanor suspects are being booked. A majority of the misdemeanant are categorized as Drugs, DUI, or Drunk related.