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Specific Call Procedures for Minors

8-206 Transfer of Custody When a Parent is Arrested for a Crime Unrelated to Maltreatment

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- **A.** Any parent or legal guardian being arrested has the option to designate a caregiver for their child or children while they are in custody **except** in those cases where minors are found in surroundings or conditions that endanger their health or welfare. If a caregiver is identified, members shall allow a reasonable amount of time to conduct a temporary custody transfer of the minors. Members are not required to transport the minors to another location.
- **B.** Members shall complete the MPD Transfer of Child Custody form (MP-9048) and identify the minors and caregiver in the corresponding Police Report. Copies of the Transfer of Child Custody form shall be distributed as indicated on the form.
- C. If the parent or legal guardian does not designate a caregiver, members shall complete a Health and Welfare Hold. Members shall complete a 72-Hour Hold and indicate on that form that the minors can be released to the parents or other suitable person. Members shall also indicate that the transfer was declined on the MPD Transfer of Custody form. Copies of the 72-Hour Hold and the MPD Temporary Transfer of Custody form shall be distributed as indicated on the forms.
- **D.** Members may refuse to transfer custody of the minors to the caregiver if there are articulable circumstances which may place the minors at risk. Members shall document these circumstances in the corresponding Police Report.