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Joe,

No agency has the staffing to book every misdemeanor, especially ours. Besides the time constraints, our jail also doesn't have the capacity. If booked for these offences, Mr. McLean would be processed and immediately released with court date from the jail. Not an effective use of our finite resources, because when a misdemeanor citation is issued, the offender is required to later self-book, so the need to book for finger prints and a current photo is moot. We do book for misdemeanor acts of violence, including domestic violence offenses. When we do book for other non-violent misdemeanor offenses, it is usually at the discretion of the officer and it requires sergeant approval.

This may surprise you, but many jails in California are no longer accepting misdemeanor bookings and our county sheriff is strongly considering adopting that policy. Despite that direction, we are still working the sheriff's office on ways to lessen the time it takes to book a prisoner and we are also looking at mitigations that can be made from our end.

Yes, we do collect evidence and confiscate items that are illegal to possess.

You might want to follow this case involving Mr. McLean as it makes its way through our justice system. When it concludes, let me know if you still think booking Mr. McLean would have improved or changed the outcome.

Take care,

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