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SUBJECT: Allen Parish Public Safety Complex Mail Waiver

Purpose

Provide a waiver for the Allen Parish Public Safety Complex in Oberlin, LA as it relates to the Correspondence and Other Mail Standard, section (III)(F)(1) within the Performance Based National Detention Standards 2011 (PBNDS 2011), which states "Staff shall open and inspect incoming general correspondence and other mail (including packages and publications) in the presence of the detainee unless authorized by the facility administrator.

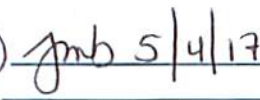
Background: On January 18-20, 2017, a Technical Assistance Review of the Allen Parish Public Safety Complex by the Nakamoto Group reported that Allen Parish Public Safety Complex staff routinely opens all incoming general mail without the presence of the detainee.

Discussion: The Allen Parish Public Safety Complex jail policy states "Control Room Personnel will inspect inmate/detainees' mail for contraband, with the exception of legal correspondence/privileged mail, which will be opened and inspected by the Correctional Officer in the presence of the inmate/detainee to whom it is addressed."

Recommendation

I recommend authorization of a waiver for the Allen Parish Public Safety complex for PBNDS 2011 Correspondence and Other Mail Section (III) (F) (1).

Date Authorized _____
Date Modified _____

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Date Not Authorized _____
Needs more discussion _____

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