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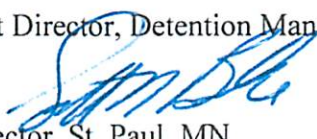


U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae D. Johnson  
Assistant Director, Custody Management Division

THROUGH: Jay M. Brooks  
Deputy Assistant Director, Detention Management Division

FROM: Scott Banieceke   
Field Office Director, St. Paul, MN

SUBJECT: Waiver for Strip Searches

Purpose:

Provide a waiver for the Hall County Department of Corrections, as it relates to Admission and Release of Detainees (Key: B05), within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS) which states "Detainees are stripped searched only when cause has been established and not as routine policy. Non-criminal detainees are not strip-searched but are patted down, unless reasonable suspicion is established."

Background:

Hall County Department of Corrections is a 321 bed Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) facility located in Grand Island, NE. Hall County Department of Corrections houses approximately 14 ICE detainees daily, for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

On July 16, 2015, the Nakamoto Group, Inc. conducted a Bi-Annual Inspection of Hall County Department of Corrections for compliance with the 2000 NDS. The Nakamoto Group, Inc. found that Hall County Department of Corrections was deficient in this element because all detainees are strip searched during intake. The strip searches are not pursuant to reasonable suspicion or a case by case basis.

Discussion:

This waiver will be applied to initial book-in strip searches only. Strip searches are defined as a visual inspection of the detainee's nude body. After a strip search is completed, the searching Officer completes a record of report. ICE reviewed Hall County Department of

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Corrections strip search policy and determined it was in place to prevent the introduction and movement of contraband and to maintain the security and control of the facility.

Recommendation:

I recommend that you approve the waiver to NDS Strip Searches of Detainees Conducted During Admission (Key: B05).

Approve/date jmb 7/22/16 Disapprove/date \_\_\_\_\_  
Modify/date \_\_\_\_\_ Needs more discussion \_\_\_\_\_