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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae D. Johnson
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THROUGH: Jay M. Brooks
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FROM: Peter Berg *[Signature]*
SPM Field Office Director

SUBJECT: Hall County, Nebraska Jail Waiver Request

Purpose

Provide a waiver for the St. Paul Field Office and Hall County Jail as it relates to the Key and Lock Control Standard. I am requesting a waiver to authorize the current structure of the jail which points out that while individual gun lockers are provided, the the gun lock boxes in the booking side sally port are not accessible to the public. Furthermore, the lock boxes that are located in the facilities main entrance area are accessible to members of the public who may be in this general area.

Background

Currently the Hall County Jail operates under the September 20, 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS). The NDS Key and Lock Control standard, Section D, Item 5, specifically addresses Gun-Locker Keys. The standard states that "gun lockers shall be placed in locations where officers can continuously observe them, either in person or on a video-monitors." Also that "gun lockers shall not be located in an area that has detainee or public access."

Discussion

Hall County Jail has already been constructed to include the gun lockers in the waiting room, should the jail have visiting law enforcement officials. These gun lockers are not for public use and are continuously monitored either by direct officer observation or via video monitoring.

Recommendation

Due to the consideration given above, I recommend authorization of a waiver for the Hall County Jail for the portion of the 2000 NDS Key and Lock Section (D)(5), which continues to ensure safety for the officers, and general public within the already constructed public area, while maintaining safety of the facility. All policies noted above fall in line with the Nebraska Jail Standards.

Approve *[Signature]*

Disapprove _____

Modify _____

Needs more discussion _____