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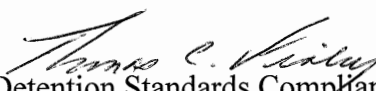


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae D. Johnson
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THROUGH: Jay M. Brooks
Deputy Assistant Director, Detention Management Division

FROM: Thomas Finley 
(a) Unit Chief, Detention Standards Compliance

SUBJECT: Chippewa County Correctional Facility, Michigan –
Waiver Request

Purpose

Provide a waiver for the Chippewa County Correctional Facility as it relates to the Key and Lock Control in Detention Facilities, section (III)(A)(2) within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS), which states "All security officers shall successfully complete an approved locksmith training program".

Background: On March 12-14, Nakamoto Group Inc. Compliance Inspection of the Chippewa County Correctional Facility the facility uses an outside contractor to repair and service locks. The safety officer has not completed a locksmith training program.

Discussion: The security officer of the facility performs regular preventive maintenance on locking mechanisms. If there is a malfunctioning mechanism the security officer notifies his supervisor. The supervisor contacts an outside contractor. Unfortunately, approved locksmith training courses are too costly for the Chippewa County Correctional Facility. At no time is the facility left unsecured while the mechanism is being repaired.

Recommendation

I recommend authorization of a waiver for Chippewa County Correctional Facility Standard section (III)(A)(2) to allow the security officer to continue with the preventive maintenance of the facility and continue with the current procedure of an outside contractor repairing all locks with malfunctions. It is also important to note the if there is a locking mechanism that cannot be repaired by the described procedure of Chippewa County Correctional Facility will always utilize an approved certified locksmith that is contracted with the city of Sault Saint Marie for such incidents.

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