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Policy Letter # 22

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: ACC Policy Letter # 22 – Strip-Search Policy

1. Reference Army Regulation 190-47, The Army Corrections System, dated 15 June 2006, paragraphs 10-1(a)(2), 10-1(b)(4) and 11-3(c)(7).
2. Purpose: To outline the policy for conducting a strip-search and the use of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) while a strip-search is in progress.
3. Based on court decisions, prisoners have a very limited expectation of privacy and 4th Amendment rights in a prison environment due to the need to maintain safety, security and good order and discipline; however, certain limitations on opposite gender supervision and the use of CCTV during strip-searches are hereby implemented to meet legitimate and important safety and security interests.

a. Absent exigent circumstances, strip-searches will be conducted by two staff members of the same gender as the prisoner. Where possible, one of the two staff members conducting the strip-search will be a Noncommissioned Officer who has supervisory responsibility over the strip-search.

b. The area used to conduct strip-searches will ensure privacy and be inspected for any objects that can be used as a weapon. CCTV cameras are an important tool used to enhance the safety and security of both prisoners and staff members alike, and will not be disabled in strip-search areas. Viewing procedures in respect to the privacy of prisoners will be limited (whether in person or via remote observation on CCTV cameras) to legitimate purposes within the official duties of staff members.

4. Point of contact for this policy is PP, Branch Chief, Operations Branch, ACC Headquarters, 703-428-7707/DSN 328-7707.

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