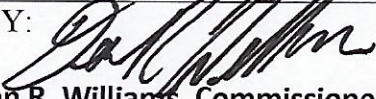




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Clarification Regarding Video Evidence Preservation Upon The Death Of A Prisoner

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Interim Policy and Procedures Memorandum (IPPM) is to clarify the procedures for preserving video evidence relating to the scene of a prisoner's death.

APPLICATION:

This IPPM applies to all Department employees.

EXISTING DOC POLICY & PROCEDURES MODIFIED:

This IPPM modifies language found in DOC P&P 104.04, Death Of A Prisoner. Specifically language found in Procedures section VII, A, 4 (f).

NEW PROCEDURES:

Procedures section VII, A, 4 (f) shall be re-written as follows:

- f. The Superintendent shall immediately preserve all video recordings of the prisoner's death scene including all video evidence leading up to the death. At an absolute minimum, video must be preserved for 24 hours preceding the death until the time that the death scene is released by the Alaska State Troopers (AST) and / or the DOC Professional Conduct Unit (PCU). The Superintendent must ensure that any evidence and / or video that is identified by the AST or PCU as relevant to the death or critical incident investigation is preserved indefinitely, or as directed by the AST or PCU. Copies of all video evidence shall be provided to AST upon request, as well as the death investigation team and / or the PCU.