

## Special Management Inmates

### 601.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Inmates who pose a heightened risk to themselves or others require special management, including frequent interaction and increased supervision by staff. Interaction with special management inmates is essential to maintaining a safe, secure, and humane environment. This policy establishes guidelines and procedures for interacting with special management inmates in the custody of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office.

#### 601.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

**Administrative segregation** - The physical separation of an inmate who is prone to (15 CCR 1053):

- (a) Promote activity or behavior that is criminal in nature or disruptive to facility operations.
- (b) Demonstrate influence over other inmates, including influence to promote or direct action or behavior that is criminal in nature or disruptive to the safety and security of other inmates or facility staff, as well as to the safe operation of the facility.
- (c) Escape.
- (d) Assault staff or other inmates, or participate in a conspiracy to assault or harm them.
- (e) Need protection from other inmates.

This is a non-punitive classification process.

**Protective custody segregation** - A level of custody either requested or required for an inmate's protection from others.

**Special management inmate** - An inmate who is either classified as administrative segregation or protective custody segregation. Classification as a special management inmate is a non-punitive classification.

### 601.2 POLICY

This office shall provide for the secure and segregated housing of any special management inmate but shall not impose more deprivation of privileges than is necessary to obtain the objective of protecting the inmate, staff, or the public (15 CCR 1053).

### 601.3 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT INMATES HOUSING CRITERIA

The safety and security of this facility is dependent on a classification system that identifies inmates who pose a risk to themselves or to others. Inmates who pose such a risk must be promptly and appropriately segregated from the general inmate population until such time that they no longer pose a risk. Staff must have the ability to promptly segregate these inmates pending further review.

Individuals who may be classified as special management inmates include but are not limited to inmates who are:

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- In protective custody or court-imposed segregation.
- Exhibiting mental health concerns.
- An escape threat.
- A serious violence threat.
- Known to have gang affiliation.
- A known management problem.
- A suicide risk.
- Exhibiting medical issues.
- Physically impaired.

### **601.4 CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING IMMEDIATE SEGREGATION**

Inmates will generally be assigned to segregation through the classification process. The Captain or the Watch Commander has the authority to immediately place any inmate into segregation when it reasonably appears necessary to protect the inmate or others (15 CCR 1081(d)).

Reasons that an inmate may be placed into segregation include the following:

- (a) The inmate requests protection or is under court-ordered protection, or the staff has determined that the inmate requires protection.
- (b) There is reason to believe the inmate poses a danger to him/herself or others.
- (c) The inmate poses an escape risk.
- (d) The inmate requires immediate mental health evaluation and medical housing is not reasonably available.
- (e) The inmate is charged with a disciplinary infraction and is awaiting a disciplinary hearing and in the judgment of the staff, the inmate may become disruptive or dangerous if left in general population.
- (f) The inmate is in the process of being transferred to a higher security classification.
- (g) Other circumstances where, in the judgment of the staff, the inmate may pose a threat to him/herself, others, or the security of the facility.

### **601.5 PROTECTIVE CUSTODY**

The correctional deputy responsible for assigning classifications to incoming inmates shall clearly document the reason an inmate should be placed into protective custody. Inmates in need of protective custody may be placed in a segregation unit when there is documentation that the protective custody is warranted and segregation is the least restrictive alternative reasonably available.

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Inmates who are in protective custody shall receive all services and programs that are available to inmates in general population and that are deemed a privilege. Any deviation from allowing usually authorized items or activities shall be documented on the inmate's file.

### **601.6 MAINTENANCE OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Administrative segregation and protective custody shall consist of separate and secure housing but shall not involve any deprivation of privileges other than what is necessary to protect the inmates or staff (15 CCR 1053).

Inmates who are classified for housing in administrative segregation or protective custody shall, at a minimum, be allowed access to programs and services including but not limited to:

- Inmate telephones.
- Visitation.
- Educational programming appropriate to the inmate classification.
- Commissary services.
- Library and law library services.
- Social services.
- Faith-based guidance, counseling, and religious services.
- Recreation activities and exercise.
- Social and professional visits.

Nothing in this policy prohibits changing the delivery of programs or services to segregated inmates in order to provide for the safety and security of other inmates and staff.

### **601.7 REVIEW OF STATUS**

The Watch Commander or the classification officer shall review the status of all inmates who are housed in segregation units and designated for administrative segregation or protective custody. This review shall occur every at least once every 30 days thereafter. The review should include information about these inmates to determine whether their status in administrative segregation and protective custody is still warranted.

If other reasonable housing options exist that will provide for the safety of the inmate and the facility, the inmate should be moved out of segregation. In reviewing an alternative housing decision for an inmate in protective custody, the safety of the inmate should receive the utmost consideration.