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502

YOUTHFUL OFFENDER CLASSIFICATION (TEMPORARY)

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RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Administrator of the Offender Management Division (OMD) is responsible for the administration of this regulation.

2. The Wardens are responsible for the implementation of this regulation at their specific institutions.

502.01 INITIAL CLASSIFICATION OF YOUNG ADULT & YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

1. The classification committee will consider placing a young adult or youthful offender in an institution or facility, and programs specifically designated for young offenders.

2. The classification committee should determine the appropriate level of custody for young adult and youthful offenders based on the following case factors:

A. The nature and severity of the inmate's offense.

B. The characteristics of the inmate's sentence.

C. The inmate's criminal history.

D. The inmate's age.

E. The inmate's mental and physical health.

F. The criminal, institutional, and social sophistication of the inmate.

G. The inmate's susceptibility to exploitation.

H. The security risk posed by the inmate.

3. The following represents the hierarchy of placement for young adult and youthful offenders starting with the most susceptible and least sophisticated.

A. Transfer to the Division of Child and Family Services (youthful offenders only).

B. Protective segregation.

C. Youthful offender program.

D. An institution or facility designated for young adult offenders.

E. General population in a conventional institution or facility.

F. Administrative Segregation.

4. Young adult offenders may be retained in youthful offender programs past the age of 18, based on the level of their sophistication and susceptibility to exploitation.

5. The classification committee should, to the extent possible, designate the assignment of youthful and young adult offenders based on their educational, training, treatment, and protection needs.

502.02 CLASSIFICATION APPROVAL AUTHORITY

1. The Director, Deputy Director, North/South, or the Administrator of the OMD must approve the initial classification, and transfers between or custody changes within institutions for a youthful offender.

2. Young adult offenders are approved for classification according to the general classification guidelines provided in the 500 series of the Administrative Regulations.

APPLICABILITY

1. This Administrative Regulation requires an Operational Procedure within the Offender Management Division and at each institution and facility.

2. This Administrative Regulation requires an audit.

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Date