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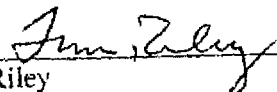
## MEMORANDUM

To: Inmate Population  
From: Tim Riley, Warden  
Subject: Daily Prayers for Muslims  
Date: September 13, 2006

Recently, several inquiries have been made concerning the daily prayers by inmates who practice the Muslim faith. It is my intent to ensure that the opportunities for prayer are afforded as required by Agency policy while maintaining a secure environment.

In accordance to policy, there needs to be open floor space for prayer. Therefore, an area at the back corner of the "rock" area in the living units will be provided for prayer. Due to security concerns, closed areas such as the barber shops will not be authorized for this purpose. Inmates will be allowed to make individual prayers in their assigned room as long as it does not present problems with other inmates assigned to the room.

When an inmate is at work during prayer times, the inmate should be allowed to prayer in area which provides the least amount of traffic and noise as possible. Again, due to security concerns, offices or small closed in areas should not be used. For example, in the Cafeteria, the corner of the dining room could be utilized before or after mealtimes. Hopefully, this addresses this matter in such a way that Muslim inmates may practice their faith while receiving the respect of others and in return respecting others.

S/   
Tim Riley

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Cc: Chaplains  
Employees