2-01/010.25 - Treatment of Inmates

Personnel are responsible for the safety and security of the persons in their custody. We are to treat them in accordance with the Department's Core Values. The use of inappropriate language, slang words, that are not in keeping with our Core Values are prohibited. This applies to all circumstances, including cases in reference to a person’s identity or segregation. Inappropriate slang terms and phrases are identified as those which tend to demean or belittle a particular individual or group. These terms are offensive and shall not be used either verbally or in writing within the confines of any Court Services Division office or work assignment.

As members of a professional law enforcement agency, it is our duty and commitment to treat all persons with the same degree of respect and dignity. Their status as custody shall not be a cause to afford them disrespect or to place them in harm’s way.

Any member of the Department who violates this policy will be subject to discipline as outlined in the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures.