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Reference: Aero Bureau Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) patrol guidelines

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish restrictions on the recreational use of commercially available drones on the Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) ranch property.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all employees, civilians and contractors who are authorized to enter PDC ranch property.

ORDER:

The PDC ranch is [REDACTED TEXT] home to four secure jail facilities and many other Custody Division units. Due to growing security threats to jails and custody facilities from emerging technologies, and actual reported cases of contraband smuggling, the recreational use of drones or remotely piloted unmanned aerial vehicles is strictly prohibited anywhere on PDC property.

When an unexpected, unauthorized drone is seen hovering near a PDC jail facility, security personnel shall immediately initiate a facility lockdown and drone incursion response pursuant to South Facility unit order 3-05-200, Drone Incursions.

If tactical training with a drone is planned for official County business where an exception to this policy is required, prior permission must be obtained in writing from the PDC ranch field crew lieutenant. An email shall be sent to [REDACTED TEXT] (PDC ALL UNITS, ALL PERSONNEL) notifying personnel of the drone usage. Notification must also be made the day of the event with the on-duty PDC South watch commander.

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