

5-08-080 Newspapers, Books, and Periodicals

Reference: CDM 5-06/030.00

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish guidelines for the distribution of newspapers, books, and periodicals to inmates housed at Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) South Facility.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all personnel assigned to and working at PDC South Facility.

ORDER:

NEWSPAPERS

The Daily News and La Opinion are delivered to PDC South Facility daily. The AM utility crew shall ensure each barrack receives enough newspapers.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Inmates shall be permitted to purchase and receive through the U.S. Mail, any book, newspaper, or periodical accepted for distribution by the U.S. Postal Service provided that:

- The publication is not available through the regular Jail Library or vendor services
- The publication is mailed directly from the publisher, bookstore or originates from an approved vendor or distributor
- The publication does not have a hard cover
- The publication does not contain metal or plastic binding
- The publication does not contain any material which:
 - Is pornographic, sexually explicit material that depicts full or partial frontal nudity and/or sexual acts
 - Depicts violent acts, violence, or cruelty to animals
 - Depicts or describes how to create weapons or defeat jail security
 - Depicts or describes how to commit crimes
 - Contains drug- or gang-related imagery or content
 - Contains any matter concerning illegal gambling or an unlawful lottery
 - The publication shall be opened and inspected for contraband according to established procedures which may include fluoroscope or x-ray type devices

Questionable publications shall be reviewed by the Unit Commander to determine their suitability.
