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SUBJECT: SEGREGATION

I. <u>AUTHORITY</u>:

The Board of Correction and Community Punishment is vested with the authority to promulgate Administrative Regulations by Act 50 of 1968, Extraordinary Session, as amended; Acts 548 and 549 of 1993, Regular Session (Ark. Code Ann §§16-93-1203 and 12-27-105 of 1993).

II. <u>PURPOSE</u>:

To describe conditions under which offenders may be held in segregation.

III. <u>APPLICABILITY</u>:

To all employees, especially those involved in the operation of segregation, and all offenders.

IV. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Punishment to provide secure and safe housing to offenders who require a higher degree of physical control or who staff otherwise find necessary to remove from the general population of the facility.

V. **DEFINITIONS:**

- A. <u>Offenders</u>: Persons sentenced to the Department of Correction or persons sentenced to the Department of Correction for judicial transfer to the Department of Community Punishment, and persons confined within a Community Punishment center as a condition of probation, suspended imposition of sentence, or post prison transfer.
- B. <u>Segregation</u>: The confinement of an offender to an individual cell or holding facility that is separated from the general population.

VI. <u>PROCEDURES</u>:

A. An offender may be confined in segregation for, but not limited to, the following reasons:

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- 1. The offender is potentially dangerous to himself or others;
- 2. The offender poses a serious escape risk;
- 3. The offender requests protection or is deemed by staff to require protection.
- 4. The offender requires immediate mental health evaluation and cannot be in contact with general population offenders;
- 5. The offender requires medical isolation and medical housing is not otherwise available;
- 6. Any other circumstances where, in the judgement of staff, the offender may pose a threat to the security of the facility; or
- 7. The offender is in transfer status to a higher security institution.
- B. Segregation of an offender shall not be used as punishment.
- C. Specific procedures to be followed for the operation of segregation shall be listed in the appropriate administrative directive(s).

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