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Regular News Media Interview Guidelines

Representatives of news organizations wishing to conduct in-person interviews with an inmate incarcerated within the Arkansas Department of Correction shall submit their requests in writing to the Public Information Officer.

Any news media visit can be denied, canceled or restricted by the Director or Warden if there are security concerns based on present circumstances or concerns regarding subject matter, including, but not limited to: pending appeals or legal matters related to the inmate's criminal conviction; institutional adjustment; and/or re-victimization if a victim(s) has been registered in the electronic offender management system by the ADC Victim Services Coordinator.

Requests that could provide, or attempt to provide, compensation to the inmate, which are for entertainment purposes, or which would impose a burden on the agency's limited resources will be denied.

Inmates in punitive/administrative segregation are not eligible for in-person news media interviews.

Inmates having served sixty (60) days or less of their initial assignment are not eligible for in-person news media interviews.

All requests for in-person interviews shall be reviewed by the Public Information Officer, who will then forward the request and a recommendation to the Director. The Director will decide whether to approve the requests.

News Media representatives denied a media visit, may follow the process of a regular visitor to speak with an inmate if the inmate sends that person an application to be processed. Regular guidelines will apply.

News Media Interview Guidelines for Inmates Sentenced To Death

Requests for news media interviews with inmates sentenced to death will be governed by the department's regular news media interview guidelines. However, no interviews will be allowed in the period starting seven (7) calendar days prior to the execution.

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