

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

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Anna Welch Director, Refugee and Human Rights Clinic University of Maine School of Law 246 Deering Avenue Portland, ME 04102

Dear Ms. Welch,

Please find enclosed the public records responsive to your request dated December 11, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Respectfully,

Lauren Hrubowchak FOAA Investigations Clerk



Cumberland County Mail

Ice Transfers and Field Arrests

Donald Goulet <goulet@cumberlandcounty.org> Fri, Dec 4, 2020 at 11:44 AM To: "Mullen, Patrick" <Patrick.Mullen@ice.dhs.gov>, "Wesling, David T" <David.T.Wesling@ice.dhs.gov> Cc: John Costello <costello@cumberlandcounty.org>, Timothy Kortes <kortes@cumberlandcounty.org> Bcc: Naldo Gagnon <Gagnon@cumberlandcounty.org>, Kevin Joyce <joyce@cumberlandcounty.org>

David and Pat:

David: Thanks for speaking with me yesterday and hearing me out over some of the concerns we spoke about of ICE Inmate Transfers and ICE Field Arrest issues we've recently had to deal with, specific to the COVID Pandemic.

After we spoke I had a meeting with the Sheriff and Major to discuss what CCJ's Intent is moving forward for accepting ICE Inmates/detainees:

- <u>ALL Out of State Transfers and/or Field Arrests</u> will *not* be accepted at CCJ beginning, Monday, December 7,2020.(I'm hoping this will give you some time to make alternative plans.)
- Once ICE has the Abbott machine operational you mentioned you are in the process of getting operational, the Sheriff is open to having a follow-up discussion to accepting Out of State Field Arrests, but Facility transfers will still *not* be accepted.
- In-State Facility Transfers (Jails or DOC) and/or Field Arrests: will be accepted at CCJ. In State transfers should be communicated beforehand with the Major or either Captains to work out/address any concerns. In State Field Arrests will still be accepted even if COVID positive and no medical concerns related to COVID or other Medical conditions.

As discussed, these restrictions are our attempt to keep COVID out of the Jail by utilizing best practices. Once the Pandemic subsides or we have an effective treatment we can re-look at modifying and/or removing these restrictions.

Thanks again for your understanding and I know your team is also struggling with issues related to the pandemic.

Please let me know if you have any questions?

Thanks,

Don

Donald E. Goulet

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Given the increasing surge of COVID-19 within the State of Maine and throughout the country, it is apparent that the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office will need to adjust its procedures for accepting inter-facility transfers of inmates. If there is a requirement for an inmate or inmates to be transferred from one facility to another, the following must occur prior to acceptance:

- 1. 24-hour notification of the transfer request is required.
- 2. The acknowledgment and acceptance of the inmate(s) transfer will be approved by a Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Corrections supervisor as soon as possible.
- 3. The inmate(s) must have been quarantined prior to transfer and the number of quarantine days must be declared upon making the request for the transfer.
- 4. The inmate(s) must be tested by the sending correctional facility and have tested negative prior to transfer.
- 5. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:
 - 72 hours prior to transfer, the inmate must meet the following criteria:
 - Negative COVID test
 - Be asymptomatic 0

ALL inmates coming into the Cumberland County Jail are and will continue to be tested prior to entering the jail. As we continue to operate in this high-risk environment, I hope that you will understand that we are doing everything we possibly can to provide correctional services, yet also keep our employees and those we are incarcerating from becoming seriously ill.

Thank you!

Kind Regards,

Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff

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