

(CELLULAR)

Governor's Order No 85

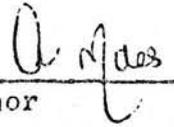
Date: 2 October 1978

SUBJECT: Searching of Non-Conforming Prisoners

In order to rationalise the search routine of those prisoners located in 'H' Blocks 3, 4 and 5, and who are refusing to conform to Prison Rules, the following procedures will be strictly observed:-

- (1) When prisoners are moved from Wing to Wing, either individually or as a joint exercise, each prisoner will be strip-searched. During the search he will be required to spread his legs in a wide position, thus any article he may attempt to conceal between his hips should fall to the ground. A metal detector will also be used to detect any foreign body concealed on the prisoners person. Should prisoners refuse to co-operate in the search staff are authorised to use force in order to open the prisoners legs. Any force used should be consistent with the amount of resistance shown by the prisoner. Where force has to be used in order to successfully complete a search, a record of the incident should be carefully recorded. The Principal Officer/Senior Officer i/c of the search operation will be responsible for recording and signing the record.
- (2) When prisoners leave the Wing prior to a visit taking place they will also be required to undergo a strip search similar to Para (1) above. Should any prisoner refuse to be searched their visit will be terminated and the prisoner returned to his cell. This will include all visits except those to a legal advisor. When a prisoner refuses to be searched prior to a legal visit the Governor will be immediately informed.
- (3) On return from a visit, if it is suspected that a prisoner is concealing prohibited articles and he refuses to co-operate in the search procedure he will be located in the Cell Block and the Governor informed.

This Order cancels any practices that have been in operation to-date.



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HM Prison Maze (Cellular)
Lisburn
Co Antrim

2 February 1979

"Search Out" hut for NCPs from H3, H4, H5 and H6

Staff required = 1 PO/SO + 2 Officers

STAFFING

The hut will be staffed by 1 Officer from H3, H4 and H5 and 1 PO/SO. The PO/SO will, during the morning period, be the pre Night Guard PO/SO in that area. In the afternoons the Supervising PO/SO will come from either H3, H4, H5 or H6.

OBJECT

This staff will be responsible for the searching of NCPs after visits before they return to their Blocks.

FINDING OF
PROHIBITED ARTICLES

If during a search any prohibited articles are found the prisoner will be charged and transferred to the Cell Block.

AIDS TO SEARCHING

To assist in the searching a metal detector, torch and mirror are provided and must be used in all cases. A floor mat is provided for the prisoner to stand on whilst he is barefoot.

METHOD

Top half of the clothing will be removed and checked and also the prisoner's body. The clothing will be returned to the prisoner, and when he has replaced his shirt, the clothing on the lower half of his body will be removed and the clothing checked. The prisoner will remove boots and socks and stand on the floor mat, his legs apart over the mirror, which should be placed on the floor between his feet. He will bend his knees slightly and this will enable the Officer to inspect his anal region by the light of the torch. After the search the prisoner will dress and be escorted to his Block - if all is found to be correct.

No prisoners will be allowed to wait outside the Search hut. In the event of more than one prisoner requiring searching, one prisoner only will enter the Search Hut at any time and the others will be held in the "Visits Area" until told by the PO/SO i/c to be brought to the Hut.

It will be the duty of the PO/SO i/c to ensure that at the end of each duty the key of the Search Hut will be returned to the Key Room.

W. W. Bone

Chief Officer W.

H.M. PRISON MAZE (CELLULAR)

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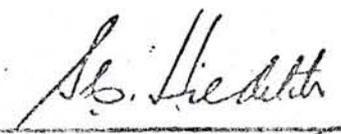
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- (2) When prisoners leave the Wing prior to a visit taking place they will also be required to undergo a strip search similar to Paragraph 1 above. Should any prisoner react violently to such a search the visit will be terminated and the prisoner returned to his cell. However if the prisoner complies with the search procedure after offering only token resistance the visit may take place. This will include all visits except those to a legal advisor. When a prisoner reacts violently to a search prior to a legal visit the Governor will be informed immediately.
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PROHIBITED ARTICLES	REP NCP	PROT NCP	CONFORMING PRISONERS
(a) Items found concealed in rectum of non-conforming prisoners			
Cigarette Lighters	✓	Nil	Nil
Flints	✓	Nil	Nil
Razor Blades	✓	Nil	Nil
Quantities of Tobacco	✓	Nil	Nil
Cigarettes	✓	Nil	Nil
Cigars	✓	Nil	Nil
Numerous Cuttings	✓	Nil	Nil
Tablets	✓	Nil	Nil
Matches	✓	Nil	Nil
Chewing Gum	✓	Nil	Nil
Cigarette Papers	✓	Nil	Nil
Ballpoint Refills	✓	Nil	Nil
Metal Comb	✓	Nil	Nil
Buttons with flints inserted in holes	✓	Nil	Nil
(b) Items found elsewhere on the person of non-conforming prisoners			
Letters	✓	Nil	✓
Tobacco	✓	Nil	✓
Cigarettes	✓	Nil	✓
Tablets	✓	Nil	✓
Matches	✓	Nil	Nil

NOTE: most of these items were recovered following visits.