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Judge Barry G. Williams
111 North Calvert Street Room 550
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The Honorable Judge Barry G. Williams

RE: Detainee Court Clothes

I would like to thank you for taking the time to discuss the courts' concerns in the matter of court clothes for detainees. Outlined are the procedures we will institute effective Monday, April 30, 2012 to effectively resolve these issues and concerns.

All detainees transported to court will wear a facility uniform/jumpsuit (yellow for males and pink for females). Detainees scheduled for a Jury Trial will be allowed to change in the holding area for court. Clothing may be brought by the family, the defense attorney or donated by the Public Defender's Office. The clothing may only be delivered to the holding area between 8:30am-10:00am, Monday through Friday by the attorney. The only exception for delivering clothing to the holding area will be the intake staff of the Public Defender's Office.

ALL ATTORNEYS INCLUDING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND THEIR INTAKE STAFF WILL BE HELD HARMLESS IF CONTRABAND IS FOUND IN THE CLOTHING GIVEN TO CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS FOR DETAINEES. IF CONTRABAND IS FOUND, THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WILL FOLLOW DPSCS' DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES PERTAINING TO DISPOSAL OF CONTRABAND.

The clothing will be brought to the holding area/lockup at Courthouse West 1st floor and Courthouse East 2nd floor. Attorneys will have 24 hours after a trial has ended to pick up a detainee's clothes. If the clothes are not picked up within the 24 hour period, the clothes will be disposed of according to DPSCS' Departmental Policy. Correctional Officers assigned to the Transportation will store the court clothes under lock and key in the holding area/lockup.

ALLOWABLE CLOTHING

OPTION 1: 1 Suit, (coat and pants) 1 shirt, 1 belt and 1 clip on tie

OPTION 2: 1 pair of pants, 1 shirt, 1 belt and 1 clip on tie

Shoes: if an attorney would like for his defendant to have "dress shoes", the chief of the facility will be notified and the attorney or family can bring the shoes to the facility. Detainees are allowed to have 2 pair of shoes in their possession. If the detainee has 2 pairs of shoes he/she will need to exchange 1 pair to receive the dress shoes.

I trust this will address all of the issues and concerns discussed in your chambers on Monday, April 23, 2012. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Respectfully,

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