

DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS

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Dear Visitor:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice and inform all persons visiting inmates within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation at the Calipatria State Prison, the Department has established a comprehensive drug and contraband interdiction program. This program uses multiple drug and contraband interdiction strategies to prevent the introduction of illegal drugs and contraband into our institutions. Among these strategies is the use of Electronic Drug Detection Equipment (EDDE) to search for the presence of drugs on persons and articles of property that are brought onto the grounds of our institutions. **The Department will begin using the EDDE on December 29, 2014.**

The Department will use ion mobility spectrometry detectors, commonly known as ion scanners, for these searches. These ion scanners are similar to the ion scanners used in airports throughout the country to detect for the presence of illegal drugs. If a visitor is chosen at random for screening, the visitor will have his/her hands or commonly held articles, (i.e., watch bands, eyeglasses, etc.) wiped with a cotton swab that is then screened for the presence of illegal drugs. This process only takes a few minutes and will not unduly interfere with visitor processing times.

At that time, all visitors and their property will be subject to search pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3173.2 Searches and Inspections.

All persons are hereby reminded pursuant to the California Penal Code, any person who knowingly brings, sends, or assists in bringing or sending into any State prison or any other place where prisoners of the State are located, including, but not limited to, any alcoholic beverage, controlled substance, drug, or instrument, or paraphernalia for the consumption of that substance, or deadly weapon, firearm, or explosive, is guilty of a felony and punishable by imprisonment.

Any person entering the grounds of any State prison or any other place where prisoners of the State are located is subject to having their person, vehicle, and articles of property in their possession searched.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. D. Stainer".

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