

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**Offender Operations****MEMORANDUM****Security Alert #082005-0001 (22)**

August 21, 2006 - Cell Door Security

Event Description:

Inmates have been compromising the security of our cell doors and are able to open them at will. They can use magnets from Koss head phones, razors and anything that creates the proper gap between the door and the frame. Filling the gap between the door and frame will not allow the lock bar to completely drop and cause the sensor to activate the secure light on the control panel and a tug on the door makes it seem secure. A hard pull on the door will open it.

It is unclear, if the door or sensor or lock mechanism is out of alignment, or if this issue can be addressed by simple adjustment. We know that not all doors can be compromised. (Please view the video clip titled "Buckley Cell Door" for a detailed view of this issue).

Precautions:

Before the cell door is closed, visual inspections of the door travel mechanism must be completed to ensure nothing has been placed in the door closure travel guides. Once the door is securely closed staff must firmly tug or pull on the door to ensure the latching mechanism has been fully engaged.

Preventative Actions:

Visually inspect all locking devices utilizing a sliding rail mechanism any time an inmate travels through the door.

Remain alert for tampering or alterations made to razors, headphones or like electronic devices capable of being used to compromise security devices by filling the gap mentioned in this alert..

Immediately report doors that are suspicious of mechanical closure difficulties in accordance with Department Order 703 Security/Facility Inspections.

Monitor inmate behavior as they enter any door utilizing sliding/lock-bar technology.

Perform routine pat searches of inmates entering/exiting areas.

Resources

Chapter 100 Agency Administration/Management

DO 105 Information Reporting

Chapter 700 Operational Security

DO 703 Security/Facility Inspections

Buckley Cell Door

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