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Press Release

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Re: LCCF Lock Down

Lea County Correctional Facility has been placed in lock down status starting today September 14, 2012, and throughout the weekend while the New Mexico Corrections Department's Security Threat Intelligence Unit investigates the detection and recovery of paraphernalia that could be considered useful to attempt escape or violence.

Following all incidents whereby the detection of contraband or paraphernalia occurs, security assessments must take place to assure the operational integrity of our prisons remain intact. Accordingly, in conjunction with the investigation, the NMCD will also be conducting a thorough inspection and security check of the facility to assure our private partners make any necessary adjustments to their operations that may be revealed in the matter.

The two inmates identified as associated with the aforementioned contraband will now be incarcerated at a higher security level at the Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe until greater clarification of the facts and circumstances relevant to the incident are revealed.

Based upon the preliminary and on-going nature of the investigation and inspection, no further details may be released at this time.

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