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RE: SHU update. (POST)

GREETINGS.

Today is Tuesday and its about 7:00 AM RIGHT NOW I JUST FINISHED BREAKFAST AND THE GUARD CAME AND PICKED UP THE FOOD TRAYS. I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FEEDING US A LITTLE BETTER LATELY, AND THEY BEEN PUTTING MORE FOOD ON THE TRAYS. (OF COURSE THEY STILL GIVE US SOME TORN UP FOOD TOO).

IM WAITING TO GO SEE THE NURSE SO THAT I COULD GET WEIGHED, I HOPE I GAINED A FEW POUNDS SINCE THE LAST TIME I GOT WEIGHED, BUT IT DONT FEEL LIKE I GAINED ANY THING. PLUS I STILL LOOK THIN, BUT ILL FIND OUT IN A LITTLE WHILE.

OKAY, AN UPDATE ON SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON AROUND HERE. A MONTH OR SO AGO WE HEARD THAT SEVERAL SHU OLD TIMERS WERE LET OUT OF THE SHU. ONE OF THEM A GUY NAMED RICK HE'S A WHITE INMATE, BUT IT WAS KIND OF SURPRIZING TO HEAR THEY LET HIM OUT AS HE IS A LEADER OF THIS GROUP, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS GOOD NEWS BECAUSE IT GAVE US ALL HOPE. IF HE GOT OUT AND OTHERS TOO, THAT MEANS ANY OF US CAN GET OUT.

THEN THE OTHER DAY I WAS TOLD THAT HE DIDNT GO TO THE MAINLINE BUT HAD DECIDED TO LOCK UP, AND BY DOING SO HAS AGREED TO DEBRIEF. I DONT GET IT IF HE DIDNT WANT TO CONTINUE WITH HIS GANG MEMBERSHIP WHY NOT JUST STAY IN THE SHU. BECAUSE NOW HE MUST TELL ON HIS FORMER GANG ASSOCIATES AND FRIENDS.

I'VE HEARD SOME SAY THAT HE WAS OLD, AND WAS TIRED OF ALL THE BULLSHIT, BUT DOES THAT MAKE IT OKAY TO TELL ON HIS FRIENDS?

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ASI had explained in one of my last postings, being a gang member is not easy. and most gang members don't last past ten years.

only the most dedicated and craziest continue, because they can't let go. every one has a different reason for fighting on. just as many have a variety of reasons for wanting out.

i remember once i was next to a young black kid in 1994, he was from Oakland, California and his name was cal. one day he said to me, "man there's alot of old guys around here". and he asked me how long i had been in shu. when i told him, he said,

"man, there's no way that i'm gonna stay in shu for life". he said he don't want to be like us.

that little time in shu, may have changed him. he didn't sound like he ever wanted to go back. and i've never heard of him coming back.

i shouldn't care that a guy decides to lock up, that's his problem, if he wants to live the rest of his life knowing he told on all his friends, that's on him.

but i do, because that amounts to another victory for the prison gang units, and each time that a guy defects he gives them more and more information that they did not have.

the shu can be real hard on you, it makes you think alot, and probably too much. which is why some guys react differently. some people don't care, others are worrying too much.

the other day a friend of mine gave me a bottle of mouthwash, man its been thirty years since we last had mouthwash. it tastes like a soda. i almost swallowed it. it took all these years for them to let us have mouthwash.

i understand alot of us are having to survive without alot of things, but we're still alive, and eventually it will get better. and here we are, yes thirty years later. but there are changes in the mix.

- (a)(5) A STG debrief report, reviewed and approved by the debriefing subject, for placement in the confidential section of the central file.

Section 3323, Disciplinary Credit Forfeiture Schedule, is amended to read:

(b) Division "A-1" offenses; credit forfeiture of 181-360 days.

- (b)(10) Behavior or activities defined as a division "A-1" offense that promotes, furthers, or assists a STG or demonstrates a nexus to the STG.

(c) Division "A-2" offenses; credit forfeiture of 151-180 days.

- (c)(10) Behavior or activities defined as a division "A-2" offense that promotes, furthers, or assists a STG or demonstrates a nexus to the STG.

(d) Division "B" Offenses; credit forfeiture of 121-150 days.

- (d)(13) Behavior or activities defined as a division "B" offense that promotes, furthers, or assists a STG or demonstrates a nexus to the STG.

(e) Division "C" offenses; credit forfeiture of 91-120 days.

- (e)(14) Behavior or activities defined as a division "C" offense that promotes, furthers, or assists a STG or demonstrates a nexus to the STG.

(f) Division "D" offenses; credit forfeiture of 61-90 days.

- (f)(16) Acting in a STG Leadership Role displaying behavior to organize and control other offenders.

- (f)(17) Behavior or activities defined as a division "D" offense that promotes, furthers, or assists a STG or demonstrates a nexus to the STG.

(g) Division "E" offenses; credit forfeiture of 31-60 days.

- (g)(11) Behavior or activities defined as a division "E" offense that promotes, furthers, or assists a STG or demonstrates a nexus to the STG.

(h) Division "F" offenses; credit forfeiture of 0-30 days.

- (h)(11) Harassment of another person, group, or entity either directly or indirectly through the use of the mail, telephone, or other means.

(h)(12) Security Threat Group Behavior or Activity.

- (A) Recording/documentation of telephone conversation evidencing active STG behavior;
- (B) Communication between offenders regarding STG behavior or activities;
- (C) Directing Active Participation in STG Roll Call;
- (D) Directing Cadence for STG Group Exercise;

- (E) Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, or other items with the intent to intimidate, promote membership, or depict affiliation in a STG.
- (F) In possession of self-created or original artwork clearly depicting recognized STG symbols;
- (G) In personal possession of STG related written material including membership or enemy list, constitution, organizational structures, codes, training material, etc.;
- (H) In personal possession of mail, notes, greeting cards, or other communications including coded messages evidencing active STG behavior.

(h)(13) Behavior or activities defined as a division "F" offense that promotes, furthers, or assists a STG or demonstrates a nexus to the STG.

Section 3341.5, Segregated Program Housing Units, is amended to read:

(c)(2) Length of SHU confinement. Assignment to a SHU may be for an indeterminate or a fixed period of time.

(c)(2)(A) Indeterminate SHU Segregation.

(c)(2)(A)2. Except as provided at section 3335(a), a validated STG-I member, a validated STG-I associate with current STG behavior/activity (in accordance with Section 600 of this Instructional Memorandum), or a validated STG-II member or associate with repetitive STG behavior/activity (in accordance with Section 600 of this Instructional Memorandum), is deemed to be a severe threat to the safety of others or the security of the institution and will be placed in a SHU for an indeterminate term.

Section 3376.1, Departmental Review Board, is amended to read:

(d) Referrals shall be made to the DRB when:

(d)(8) An institution head believes a DRB level decision for placement of an inmate is required to address alternative housing for an inmate who has completed steps 1-4 of the SDP and transfer to a Level IV 180-design institution is not warranted.

3377.2, Criteria for Assignment of Close Custody, is amended to read:

(b) Close Custody Case Factor Criteria:

(b)(5) An inmate assigned to step 5 of the SDP shall be required to undergo a period of observation and be designated by classification committee action as a Close B custody inmate for the entire period of time assigned in step 5 (unless case factors require a more restrictive designation of Close A).

Section 3378. Documentation of Critical Case Information:

In Section 3378, the requirement for completion of the CDC Forms 812-A and 812-B are eliminated.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
 Security Threat Group – Step Down Program Privilege Breakdown

Privilege	SDP-Step 1	SDP-Step 2	SDP-Step 3	SDP-Step 4	SDP-Step 5
Canteen	Canteen draw limit per CCR, Title 15, Section 3044 Privilege Group S @ 25% of the maximum monthly canteen draw utilizing the approved SHU Canteen List.	Canteen draw limit per CCR, Title 15, Section 3044 Privilege Group S @ 30% of the maximum monthly canteen draw utilizing the approved SHU Canteen List.	Canteen draw limit per CCR, Title 15, Section 3044 Privilege Group S @ 40% of the maximum monthly canteen draw utilizing the approved SHU Canteen List.	Canteen draw limit per CCR, Title 15, Section 3044 Privilege Group S @ 50% of the maximum monthly canteen draw utilizing the approved SHU Canteen List.	Canteen draw limit per CCR, Title 15, Section 3044 Privilege Group, as assigned by the GP Institution.
Mail	Mail procedures in accordance with CCR, Title 15, Division 3, Subchapter 2, Article 4	Mail procedures in accordance with CCR, Title 15, Division 3, Subchapter 2, Article 4	Mail procedures in accordance with CCR, Title 15, Division 3, Subchapter 2, Article 4	Mail procedures in accordance with CCR, Title 15, Division 3, Subchapter 2, Article 4	Mail procedures in accordance with CCR, Title 15, Division 3, Subchapter 2, Article 4
Personal Property	Items listed in DOM, Section 54030.17, Authorized Personal Property Schedule and all other items as provided for in Current SHU.	Items listed in DOM, Section 54030.17, Authorized Personal Property Schedule and all other items as provided for in Current SHU. Allow possession of playing cards as defined in DOM Section 54030.17.8 Games.	Items listed in DOM, Section 54030.17, Authorized Personal Property Schedule and all other items as provided for in Current SHU. In addition to items allowed previously, allow plastic tumbler; plastic bowl; 1 pair of personal tennis shoes; combination of 10 books newspapers, or magazines; and a domino game.	Items listed in DOM, Section 54030.17, Authorized Personal Property Schedule and all other items as provided for in Current SHU. In addition to items allowed previously, allow photo album; and chess and checkers games	As authorized for General Population offenders.

STATEMENT AS TO DURATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM

The Security Threat Group Identification, Prevention, and Management Plan Pilot Program will remain in effect for 24 months from the date of filing with the Secretary of State. An on-going evaluation will be completed by DAI/OCS to determine the effectiveness of this program.

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Personal Property Package	One (1) personal package per year not to exceed 30 pounds.	One (1) personal package per year not to exceed 30 pounds.	One (1) personal package per year not to exceed 30 pounds.	Two (2) personal packages per year not to exceed 30 pounds each.	As authorized for General Population offenders.
Photo	One (1) photo upon completion of 1 year disciplinary free	One (1) photo upon successful completion of Step 1	Two (2) photos upon successful completion of Step 2	Two (2) photos upon successful completion of Step 3	As authorized for General Population offenders.
Telephone Calls	Telephone call on an emergency basis only, as determined by institution/facility staff.	One (1) telephone call allowed to an approved friend or family member upon successful completion of Step 1	Two (2) telephone calls allowed to an approved friend or family member upon successful completion of Step 2	Four (4) telephone calls allowed to a friend or family member upon successful completion of Step 3	As authorized for General Population offenders.
Television/ Radio Appliances	May possess or purchase one (1) television or one (1) radio or one (1) television/ radio combination unit. Clear technology only.	May possess or purchase one (1) television or one (1) radio or one (1) television/ radio combination unit. Clear technology only.	May possess or purchase one (1) television or one (1) radio or one (1) television/ radio combination unit. Clear technology only.	May possess or purchase one (1) television and one (1) radio or one (1) television/ radio combination. Clear technology only.	As authorized for General Population offenders.
Yard Exercise	Yard exercise provided pursuant to CCR, Title 15, Section 3343(h) Recreation will include the use of isometric and exercise equipment as deemed appropriate.	Yard exercise provided pursuant to CCR, Title 15, Section 3343(h) Recreation will include the use of isometric and exercise equipment as deemed appropriate.	Yard exercise provided pursuant to CCR, Title 15, Section 3343(h) Recreation will include the use of isometric and exercise equipment as deemed appropriate.	Yard exercise provided pursuant to CCR, Title 15, Section 3343(h) Yard interaction with inmates of diverse affiliations after 6 months of programming within Step 4.	As authorized for General Population offenders.

Security Threat Group Definitions

Security Threat Group (STG)

Any ongoing formal or informal organization, association or group of three or more persons which has a common name or identifying sign or symbol whose members and/or associates, individually or collectively, engage or have engaged, on behalf of that organization, association or group, in two or more acts which include, planning, organizing, threatening, financing, soliciting or committing unlawful acts of misconduct classified as serious pursuant to the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 15, Division 3, Section 3315.

Affiliate

Individual offenders identified as members, associates, or monitored who are connected or interact with a certified STG.

Certification

The formal designation of a group or gang as a security threat group based upon a STG Threat Assessment conducted by the Office of Correctional Safety (OCS).

Confirmed STG Behavior

STG behavior which is discovered and confirmed to have occurred. Confirmation can be obtained through two processes; 1) a guilty finding in a STG related Rules Violation Report; and/or 2) any document that clearly describes STG behavior/activities incorporated within the validation or continued STG behavior package; submitted to the OCS for Special Agent assessment and recommendation; and which is affirmed by an STG Unit Classification Committee.

Debriefing

The formal process by which a STG coordinator/investigator determines whether an offender has abandoned STG affiliation and dropped out of the STG. A subject shall only be debriefed upon their request, although staff may ask if he or she wants to debrief.

Dropout

A validated affiliate who is either a STG-I member or associate or an STG-II affiliate who is currently assigned to the Step Down Program, or has completed the Step Down Program, who has abandoned STG affiliation. This identification as a dropout requires the inmate to have cooperated in, and successfully completed the debriefing process.

Gang

Any ongoing formal or informal organization, association or group of three or more persons which has a common name or identifying sign or symbol whose members and/or associates, individually or collectively, engage or have engaged, on behalf of that organization, association or group, in two or more acts which include, planning, organizing, threatening, financing, soliciting or committing unlawful acts of misconduct outside of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation jurisdiction.

Inactive Status Affiliate

A validated affiliate who was released from SHU prior to implementation of the Step Down Program. This inmate was not previously identified as having been involved in gang related activity for a period of six years, was reviewed by a Departmental Review Board and released from the SHU.

Inactive-Monitored Status Affiliate

A validated affiliate who was released from SHU concurrent to the implementation of the Step Down Program through a Case by Case Review.

Prison Gang

Any gang which originated and has its roots within the department or any other prison system. Credit earning for validated prison gang members and associates housed in ASU, SHU, PSU, or BMU as referenced in Penal Code Section 2933.6 shall now apply to inmates validated as STG-I members or associates who are housed in ASU, SHU, PSU, or BMU.

Renunciation

The process in which a non-validated inmate affirms and declares their disassociation with past, current, and future Security Threat Group bonds, recognition, participation, and illicit behavior. The renunciation process is a standard prerequisite for non-validated inmates requesting special housing consideration based upon personal needs or safety concerns.

Security Threat Group I (STG-I)

A term used to identify and prioritize the level of threat the group presents that affects the safety and security of the institution and public safety. STG-I designation will be reserved for STGs that pose the greater of these threats. STG-I designations include, but may not be limited to, traditional prison gangs or similar disruptive groups or gangs that the department has determined to have a history and propensity for violence and/or influence over subservient STGs.

Security Threat Group II (STG-II)

A term used to identify and prioritize the level of threat the group presents that affects the safety and the security of the institution and public safety. The STG-II designation may include, but is not limited to, traditional disruptive groups/street gangs.

Security Threat Group (STG) Administrative Directive

An administrative order, approved by the Secretary (or designee) of the CDCR, declaring a group's threat to the safety of staff, inmates, and the security of the institution based on a documented history of, and future propensity for violence.

Security Threat Group Associate

Any offender who, based on documented evidence, is involved periodically or regularly with the members or associates of a STG. STG associates will be identified by the STG Investigator through the validation process and reviewed by OCS. This identification requires at least three (3) independent source items with a combined weighted value of 10 points or greater coupled with information/activity indicative of an associate. Validation of an offender as an associate of a STG-I shall also require that at least one (1) source item be a direct link to a current or former validated member or associate of the STG, or to an offender or any person who is validated by the department within six (6) months of the established or estimated date of activity identified in the evidence considered.

Security Threat Group Behavior

Any documented behavior that promotes, furthers, or assists a STG. Conduct of any person that leads to and includes the commission of an unlawful act and/or violation of policy demonstrating a nexus to a STG.

Security Threat Group Committee

A unit classification committee responsible to review STG validation packages, after submission by the local STG Investigator and evaluation by OCS. The STG Committee will establish validation status (e.g., validated, rejected) and assign the level of the validation (e.g., member, associate). In addition, this committee will review other actions related to discipline and housing or program placement of validated STG affiliates.

Security Threat Group Member

Any offender who, based on documented evidence, has been accepted into membership by a STG. STG Members will be identified by the STG Investigator through the validation process and reviewed by OCS. This identification requires at least three (3) independent source items with a combined weighted value of 10 points or greater coupled with information/activity indicative of a Member. Validation of an offender as a Member of a STG-I shall also require that at least one (1) source item be a direct link to a current or former validated member or associate of the STG, or to an offender or any person who is validated by the department within six (6) months of the established or estimated date of activity identified in the evidence considered.

Security Threat Group Monitored

Any inmate who has successfully completed Steps 1-4 in the Step Down Program and has been released from the Security Housing Unit.

Security Threat Group Suspect

Any offender who, based on documented evidence, is suspected of being involved in or assisting a STG in the commission of STG behaviors in violation of CDCR policy. The STG suspect is tracked by STG Investigative staff pending validation. Suspects have attained two or more points and would not be officially validated but tracked for intelligence purposes.

Step Down Program (SDP)

Provides inmates placed in the Security Housing Unit (SHU) due to STG validation and/or documented STG behaviors, with a program which includes increased incentives to promote positive behavior including discontinuing participation in STG activities, with the ultimate goal of release from the SHU.

Step Down Program, Step 1 and 2 SHU

First two of five steps in the step down process, generally accomplished within 12 months for each step, dependent upon compliance with program objectives. A SHU program specifically designated for housing of STG affiliates determined to pose a threat to the safety of staff, inmates, and the public, in addition to security of the prison based upon intelligence and/or confirmed STG behaviors. This housing designation is intended to segregate the most influential inmates and those who represent the greatest threat to others and institutional security. A high level of monitoring is placed on all avenues of communication during these steps.

Step Down Program, Step 3 and 4 SHU

Two of five steps in the step down process with a minimum of 12 months in each step dependent upon successful completion of program requirements. A SHU program specifically designated for housing of STG affiliates who have completed steps 1 and 2 but based upon prior behavior are deemed to pose a continued threat to the safety of staff, inmates, and the public, in addition to security of the prisons. This housing designation is intended to begin reintegration of the STG affiliates by offering program and privilege incentives within a controlled setting and monitoring of program progress.

Step Down Program, Step 5 General Population or SNY Housing

Upon successful completion of all four steps, as determined by Institutional Classification Committee (ICC) and based on individual inmate behavior, the inmate will be referred to the Classification Staff Representative (CSR) for endorsement to a Level IV, 180 design facility (male inmates only) for a 12-month observation period, regardless of the inmate's placement score. After completion of the 12-month observation period with no evidence of continued STG involvement, the inmate may be placed in a facility consistent with their placement score and case factors.

STG Threat Assessment

An official assessment conducted by the OCS for use in the STG certification process. This assessment will specifically identify why a STG, based on documented evidence of violence,

threat of violence and/or other serious STG behaviors, poses an immediate clear and present danger to the safety of any person or the security of the prison.

Validation

The formal and objective process for identifying and documenting STG affiliates. Validation is the term used to describe the quality control review of STG identifications and is done to ensure that STG affiliate identifications are in compliance with departmental regulations.