

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

AUTHORIZATION FOR NEWS MEDIA ACCESS TO STAFF, PRISONER or RESIDENT

BCF DCF MCC MSP MVCF SMWRC LCYDC

Adult Community Corrections Region I II III

Juvenile Community Corrections Region I II III

_____ representing _____
Name of Individual Name of News Media

is authorized to interview/ audio/video record/photograph (cross out any words that do not apply)

_____ for the purpose(s) of _____
Name of Staff, Prisoner or Resident

to be published or broadcast on (if known) _____
When Where

Subject to the following conditions:

1. This authorization may be rescinded at any time pending any appeal by the news media representative to the Commissioner of Corrections;
2. The staff, prisoner or resident to whom access is granted may terminate access at any time;
3. If authorization is granted for access to staff, the access may be terminated at any time for any reason.
4. If authorization is granted for access to staff, the staff may, if staff desires, be accompanied by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee;
5. If authorization is granted for access to a prisoner or resident, the access may be terminated:
 - a. if there is reasonable suspicion that the access or the publication or broadcast might facilitate criminal activity or violation of the facility's rules or create a risk to safety, security, or orderly management of the facility; the impact on the victim would be excessive; the access might adversely impact a criminal investigation or prosecution; the access might harm the welfare of a prisoner or resident, including by a violation of a right to confidentiality; the prisoner or resident is unavailable or unwilling or unable to participate; it is determined to be an excessive demand on staff resources; or refusal or failure to abide by any condition set by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, any facility rule, or any staff instructions;
 - b. the prisoner or resident or the news media representative is exhibiting behavior which is inappropriate, including inappropriate physical contact;
 - c. an emergency or critical incident occurs; or
 - d. the information or material being sought or obtained is beyond that for which the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, gave authorization.
6. Any material or information obtained including, but not limited to, the interview, audio/video recording or photograph, shall not be used other than for the purpose set out in the written

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request to the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, and for which authorization was given.

- 7. The Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, may be present during any interviewing, audio/video recording, or photographing of a prisoner or resident by the news media. If the prisoner or resident is a minor or an adult with a guardian and is being interviewed regarding a pending criminal or juvenile criminal charge, the prisoner or resident must have his or her legal representative present during the interview with the news media.
- 8. If the prisoner or resident is a minor or an adult with a guardian, the use of the prisoner's or resident's name, hometown, or other personal information, identifiable photographs, or identifiable audio/video recordings or any other disclosure of identifying information is strictly prohibited at all times.
- 9. If a prisoner or resident is 18 years of age or over and has no guardian, the prisoner's or resident's identity, hometown, or any other personal information shall not be disclosed by any representative of the media, unless specifically authorized on the Prisoner or Resident Consent for News Media Access.
- 10. If a prisoner or resident is 18 years of age or over and has no guardian, photographing or audio/video recording which might reveal the identity of the prisoner or resident shall not be done, unless specifically authorized on the Prisoner or Resident Consent for News Media Access.
- 11. If a prisoner or resident is 18 years of age or over and has no guardian, the media's work product shall not contain any information which might lead to the identification of the prisoner or resident, unless specifically authorized on the Prisoner or Resident Consent for News Media Access.
- 12. If a prisoner or resident is 18 years of age or over and has no guardian, should the identity of any prisoner or resident be disclosed as a result of the media access authorized, that identity shall not be confirmed by any representative of the media, unless specifically authorized on the Prisoner or Resident Consent for News Media Access.
- 13. The interview/ audio/video recording /photograph shall be used only when and where and for the purpose(s) noted above, provided any broadcast noted above may be repeated or any publication noted above may be reprinted as is customary for the media; and
- 14. Other conditions, if any: _____

Date Approved: _____

Chief Administrative Officer or Regional Correctional Administrator

Date Approved: _____

Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner

On behalf of myself and the news media I am representing, I agree to the above conditions.

Signature of Media Representative

Date

Position

Media

Fax this form to: 207.287.4370, ATTN: Commissioner's office