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Leon County Jail Revises Inmate Visitation Policy

On Tuesday September 1, 2009, the Leon County Jail will be making adjustments to the inmate visitation policy. In past years inmates at the Leon County Jail were allowed unlimited visitors per day and visitors were allowed to visit several different inmates per visit. As the number of inmate visitors continues to rise, from 10,989 in February, 2009, to 12,502 in June, 2009, changes in the visitation policy have been made to accommodate the increase of visitors and ensure the orderly operation of the Leon County Jail.

The revised visitation policy will allow each inmate to choose up to five (5) persons to be placed on their visitation list. Only persons on an inmates approved visitation list will be allowed to visit. Inmates will be allowed up to 2 ½ hours of visitation per week. Each visitor will be allowed to visit an inmate for up to 30 minutes per visit. When an inmate is booked into the Leon County Jail they will be given an opportunity to list up to five (5) persons who may visit them. Inmates may change their visitor list once a month. Visitors will only be allowed to visit an inmate who has placed them on their visitation list and will only be allowed to visit one inmate per day.

All visitors must provide a driver's license or other official picture identification to confirm their identity. Birth certificates or Social Security Cards are not acceptable forms of identification. Each visitor will be photographed and a warrants check will be conducted prior to being allowed to enter the Jail visitation areas.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "Due to the over 11,000 visitors to the Leon County Jail each month, it was necessary for the security and good order of the jail to implement these changes. This revised policy will ensure that each inmate and their family and friends are given ample opportunity to visit. This policy will also ensure that additional lobby staff will not have to be hired to keep up with the increased number of inmate visitors, saving tax payer dollars."

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