RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
INSTITUTIONS AND OPERATIONS
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: RI DOC Staff

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SUBJECT: **INTERIM MEMORANDUM-24.01-5 DOC**

Effective as of April 11, 2008, the rule which previously banned inmates from receiving gift publications which was stated in 24.01-5 DOC is rescinded. The process to give an inmate a gift publication reverts back to the former policy process:

III. C. 2. Incoming Non-Privileged Mail

b. Incoming Printed (Non-Privileged) Material

(1) Only paperback books (i.e., no hard covers), newspapers, and periodicals sent from publishers will be accepted. The purchase of commercially-produced photographs is prohibited. A publisher is defined as a business, organization, or firm which issues and makes available to the general public books and other publications for sale and wide distribution. For the purposes of this definition, a "publisher" does not include local bookstores or distributors within a 50-mile radius of the ACI.

The policy is further clarified to stipulate that only new paperback books, newspapers and periodicals will be accepted from publishers. Inmates may receive these items from family or others provided they are new and come directly from a publisher.

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