



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO. 5-2005

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TO: SHERIFFS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION

RE: Constant Supervision of Inmates

Although the number of officers and inmates in local correctional facilities differs from one county to the next, each facility has been faced with the task of providing constant supervision to inmates whose mental health or mental state so require. As of late, several jurisdictions have inquired whether officers providing such constant supervision must be of the same gender as the inmate.

To answer the above question, attached please find a legal opinion from Brian M. Callahan, an attorney in the Commission's Office of Counsel. If you should have any questions after reviewing this opinion, please feel free to contact either myself or the Commission's Office of Counsel, and we will be glad to assist you.

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