

Frequently Proposed Visitor Screening Scenarios

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This inmate was either convicted (or behaviors were noted in the Revocation Summary) of Domestic Battery or Disorderly Conduct-Domestic.

The proposed visitor is his girlfriend and a noted victim. She has requested to be added to his visiting list.

DRUG OFFENSE

This inmate was convicted of Possession with Intent to Deliver THC.

The proposed (non-family member) visitor, was convicted of a drug-related offense three years ago, and has been off supervision for 15 months. He has requested to be added to the inmate's visiting list.

SEX OFFENSE

This inmate was convicted of Second Degree Sexual Assault of a Child. The victim was a (non-family member) 12 year-old girl.

The proposed visitors are his sister and his 3 year-old twin niece and nephew. The inmate's sister (the mother of the twins) is requesting that she and her two children be added to his visiting list.

MURDER

This inmate was convicted of First Degree Intentional Homicide-2 counts. The victims were his long-time girlfriend/mother of his three children and an unknown male that gave her a ride home from work.

The proposed visitor is a woman identifying her relationship to the inmate as "girlfriend". She has requested to be added to his visiting list.

FAMILY MEMBER/RE-ENTRY

This inmate was convicted of burglary.

The proposed visitor is his mother. She has multiple convictions for retail theft and forgery. She has been out of prison for 13 months, and is struggling on parole. They are not co-conspirators in their offenses. She has requested to be added to his visiting list.

What needs to be considered prior to approval or denial ?

- Consider the date of the offense. When did it happen in relation to today's date?
- Has offense-related programming been completed? Completion of programming is not a guarantee of approval, but is factored into the decision making process. Program evaluation summaries should be reviewed to determine progress in treatment and the inmate's remaining needs level. Facilitators may also be contacted to discuss the risk to the proposed visitor.
- Review the Revocation Summary. Does the agent believe that the behaviors were present even though the conviction was of a lesser offense or perhaps there was no conviction at all? The agent is dealing with the offender's behavior.
- Contact the agent. DOC-2429 (Agent's Visitor Recommendation) may be sent to the agent electronically for their input.
- When considering visitors for inmates with sexually-related offenses (not in an A & E status), a Sex Offender Assessment Report (DOC-1577 or DOC-1577A) must be reviewed and is found in the inmate's Social Service (confidential) file. Social Workers should incorporate pertinent information into their recommendation for denial or removal before staffing with a supervisor.
- Look at the minor children living together in a household to remain consistent with approvals/denials.
- Consultation with Psychological Services staff should be requested when there is a possibility of visitor victimization and staff cannot arrive at a clear decision.
- Consider the relationship between the proposed visitor and the inmate, taking into account those already listed on the inmate's Visitor List. Immediate family may be viewed differently.
- Will this proposed visitor enhance the inmate's success upon release as part of a positive support system?
- Did the proposed visitor meet the inmate while he/she was incarcerated?
- Interview the inmate or proposed visitor if you have unanswered questions.
- If no noted concerns have been indicated, approve the visitor.
- If concerns are noted, staff with a supervisor.