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## MEMORANDUM

## TO: All Department of Correction Employees

FROM: Theresa C. Lantz, Commissioner

SUBJECT: Department of Correction Employees Acting as Bounty Hunters

DATE: June 14, 2007

This memorandum is to reiterate a Department policy that has been in effect for several years concerning Department employees engaging in bounty hunting and bail writing activities.

Ethics Commission Declaratory Ruling 92-A states that according to C.G.S. 1-84c, a State employee or public official may not use his/her public position or confidential information acquired as a result of such position to obtain financial gain for himself/herself, his/her family or for a business with which he/she is associated. Therefore, a Department of Correction employee who has access to confidential information concerning inmates, or who has access to inmates themselves, are precluded from accepting employment as a bounty hunter. Accordingly, employees found to be engaged in bounty hunting activities may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

In addition, based on the same reasoning as above, Department of Correction employees may not engage in the business of writing bail bonds. Employees involved in this business may also be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact your Human Resources Specialist.

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