

Memo

To: All Inmates Housed OOS
From: VTDOC Central Office
Date: June 17, 2015
Re: FAQ #3

We have been communicating with you the last few weeks about that the transition from the current supplemental housing contract, to one with GEO Group. This contract goes into effect just before the current contract expires on June 30, 2015.

As stated in preceding FAQ's, all inmates residing out of state by the time the contract ends will be transferred to the North Lake Correctional Facility in Baldwin, Michigan.

Here are some questions that have been asked since the last FAQ memo that was posted on June 2, 2015:

<p>CORRECTION TO THE QUESTION - What do I do with excess property?</p>	<p>Any property not listed on the property list, or in excess of allowable limits, must be shipped home at the VTDOC's expense or donated or destroyed via CCA policy with documentation stating such.</p> <p>All inmates who had already paid for their own property to be sent out have had their account reimbursed.</p>
<p>I heard a rumor that VTDOC was adding money to our accounts. Is this true?</p>	<p>Yes, with the understanding that consumables are not allowed to be taken with you to North Lake, the VTDOC has authorized \$10.00 to be deposited into each inmates' account as part of this transition.</p>

<p>We were told by one of the FAQ's that the allowable property would be the same in North Lake as it is at LAC. Why is it different?</p>	<p>Corrections practices vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, including allowable property. Yes, the Department's FAQ's did state that the property items in Kentucky would be allowed in Michigan at first – that was likely too broad. In looking at all of the items on the allowable list, there were items identified to be a security risk for the North Lake Correctional Facility and other items were not on the LAC allowable list to begin with.</p>
<p>What items were not originally on the property list but are being allowed at North Lake?</p>	<p>Battery operated book lights Battery operated lamp Cordless surge protector Religious items (approved via GEO Policy)</p>
<p>We are currently allowed adult/mature games which we've heard are not allowed in MI.</p>	<p>The restrictions on the type of video games that exists in Kentucky will be the same standard used in Michigan. Currently owed games appropriately rated can be kept; inappropriate games will need to be removed from the facility.</p> <p>GEO Group will approve video games to be sold through commissary that are rated appropriate to this standard according to the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB).</p>
<p>Why have we been required to box up our property this week?</p>	<p>With a transition this large there is a limited amount of time for the property to be inventoried, searched, boxed up and sent out so having deadlines is a vital logistical need. In order to accurately account for your property, we've needed to get a jump-start on this.</p>

Please refer your friends and family to the VT Department of Corrections public website <http://doc.vermont.gov/> to see the latest Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).