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NEWS MEDIA AGREEMENT FORM

I, _____, a representative of _____, agree to and understand that in conducting incarcerated individual or civil commitment interviews at _____

that any incarcerated individual or civil commitment may decline to be interviewed notwithstanding any prior request by the incarcerated individual or civil commitment for an interview and that the use of audio or visual tape recording or film without written consent of an incarcerated individual or civil commitment may lead to civil or criminal liability or forfeiture of privileges to enter correctional institutions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I also agree to and understand that no Federal or out-of-state prisoner (i.e., incarcerated individual) may be interviewed prior to the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Correction receiving written approval from the appropriate Federal or out-of-state authority.

Lastly, I agree to follow the rules and regulations governing the conduct of visitors inside a correctional institution.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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NEWS MEDIA WAIVER FORM**

TO BE COMPLETED BY NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE:

News Media Representative's Name: _____

Signature: _____

News Media Affiliation: _____

Scope of Interview: _____

Equipment: _____

Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL OR CIVIL COMMITMENT:

CHECK ONE:

- The undersigned consents to be either photographed, filmed, recorded and/or interviewed and authorizes that any such photographs, film or recordings or interview material may be utilized by _____ for the aforementioned purpose.
(Name of News Media Agency)

I further understand that the consent given by me shall not result in the receipt of monetary compensation, either directly or indirectly

Furthermore, the undersigned does hereby release the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety, Department of Correction and their employees, agents, officials, and representatives from any and all claims for damages to libel, slander, invasion of privacy, and any other claims based on such materials.

- The undersigned has declined said interview.

The above consent or refusal is given by me freely and voluntarily without any promises, threats, or duress.

Incarcerated Individual or Civil Commitment's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Institution: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by (correctional staff person): _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve Deny

Commissioner's Decision: Approve Deny

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MEDIA WAIVER FORM
Massachusetts Department of Correction Media**

TO BE COMPLETED BY MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION (DOC)
MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE:

DOC Media Representative's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Media: Massachusetts Department of Correction

Subject of Interview: _____

Equipment: _____

Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDORS, VOLUNTEERS:

CHECK ONE:

- The undersigned consents to be photographed, filmed, recorded and/or interviewed and authorizes that any such photographs, film, recordings, and interview material may be utilized by the Massachusetts Department of Correction for the aforementioned or any other purpose. (Media)

I further understand that the consent given by me shall not result in the receipt of monetary, gift or other forms of compensation, either directly or indirectly.

Furthermore, the undersigned does hereby release the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Correction and their employees, agents, officials, and representatives from any and all claims for damages, including but not limited to claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, and other claims based on such media reporting.

- The undersigned has declined said interview.

The above consent or refusal is given by me freely and voluntarily, without any promises, threats, or duress.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Institution/Location: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve Deny

Commissioner's Decision: Approve Deny

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CRIMINAL RECORD OFFENDER INFORMATION (CORI)

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 6, Sections 167-178

Section 172 provides that:

Criminal offender information shall be disseminated whether directly or indirectly or through any intermediary, only to (a) criminal justice agencies and (b) such other individuals and agencies as are authorized access to such records by statute.

The media shall be aware that violation of the CORI statute, i.e., no valid consent form, may lead to civil or criminal liability or forfeiture of privileges to enter correctional institutions. An inmate may decline to be interviewed or photographed.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

**103 CMR 131.00: M.G.L. c. 124, ss. 1(b), (c), (q)
M.G.L. c. 127, s. 87.**