

# ***National Major Gang Task Force***

A model format for establishing a Renunciation Plan for incarcerated inmates

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## **PURPOSE**

To outline administrative structure, procedure and responsibilities associated with the Security Threat Group Renunciation process. To establish guidelines for the management of renounced inmates from Security Threat Groups and Disruptive groups, and to provide for regular review.

## **DEFINITIONS**

- **Debriefing**  
The purpose of a debriefing is to obtain sufficient verifiable information from the inmate which would adversely impact the STG to the point that they would no longer accept the inmate as either a member or associate.
- **Renunciation**  
The process of formal disassociation by inmates from Security Threat Groups, Disruptive Groups and from the activities resulting from Security Threat Group and Disruptive Group involvement.
- **Threat Assessment**  
The criminal analytical summary used by the department to determine the security threat posed by a particular group, gang, organization or individual to a facility, staff, visitors or inmates.
- **Risk Assessment**  
The degree of risk to/or by the inmate based on information from the renunciation process.
- **Offender notification**  
The formal process established by the department to inform offenders of the procedure for renunciation

## *Sample Offender Notification Procedure*

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- I. Offender Notification
  - Diagnostic Unit
  - Facility Orientation
  - Inmate Handbook
- II. Initiated by Offender (Affiliated) in writing
- III. Designated Staff will determine:
  - a. Risk Assessment
  - b. Housing Assessment
  - c. Threat Assessment
- IV. Designated Staff will initiate the Formal Process
  - Renunciation Form
  - Questionnaire
  - Autobiography
  - Verification of Initial Information
- V. Interview
  - Official debriefing interview conducted by designated Staff in accordance with all Agency Policy(s), State Statutes, etc.
  - Suggested areas to be covered during interview:
    - a. History
    - b. Personal Involvement / Sponsorship
    - c. Validation of Tattoos
    - d. Structure
    - e. Codes
    - f. Mail Drops
    - g. Other Members Activities
    - h. Communication Networks
    - i. Rival
    - j. Staff
    - k. Hits: Public Officials, Staff, Offenders
    - l. Escape / Drugs / Weapons
    - m. Misuse of Legal and/or Religious Process
    - n. Reasons for Dropping Out
    - o. Other pertinent information
    - p. Security Flaws/Concerns
    - q. Financial (Laundry)
    - r. Self-incrimination Statement
- VI. Follow-up interview if necessary to address:
  - Inconsistencies
  - Clarification
  - New Information

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VII. Final Debrief Report will be completed, signed and approved. Recommendation to Proceed.

- Procedures for failures for review (TBD by applicable Agency)
  - a. Disciplinary
  - b. STG Activity
  - c. Program Failure

VIII. Classification

- Risks Needs Assessment and Responsivity Assessment
- Programs
- Treatment
- Disciplinary
- Facility Assignment
- Out of State Transfer Consideration

IX. Final Notification

- Time frame for review TBD by Agency
- Approval / Denial
- List Reason
- Denial Justification
- Classification Review For Relapsed Activity
- Final Classification