

- #13. Material that depicts, describes, or promotes gang signs, language, clothing, jewelry, codes or paraphernalia, gang participation, or other gang-related activity or association
- #14. Material, documents or photographs that depict, describe or suggest the use of violence, weapons, illegal drugs, or other activities that counter the stated goal of rehabilitation within the DOC
- #15. Material written in code or written in a foreign (non-English) language (unless obtained from an approved vendor, see *Attachment #6*)

The VADOC Publication Review Committee has found that the cited issues of MIM Notes contain depictions of violence and the suggested use of violent activities against individuals as noted by the listed violations of Operating Procedure 803.2. The Virginia Department of Corrections seeks to maintain safe and secure institutions. Publications that advocate for disorder and insurrection can produce environments of hostility that can endanger both prison personnel and the inmate population.

The Office of the Deputy Director of Operations has considered your appeal of the VADOC Publication Review Committee's disapproval of the above listed publications titled MIM Notes produced by MIM Distributors and is upholding the Committee's decision.

Thank you for taking the time to write the Virginia Department of Corrections. If you have any further questions or suggestions then please contact me at (804) 674-3303, ext. 1118.

Sincerely,



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