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I have reviewed your appeal of the decision of the Publication Review Committee to disapprove Under Lock & Key March/April 2017 No. 55


In accordance with Operating Procedure #803.2-Incoming Publications, approval to order or subscribe to a publication is not a blanket approval to receive the publication; each issue will be reviewed at the facility prior to delivery to offenders. The Warden/Superintendent or his designee should disapprove any publication for receipt and possession by the offender if it is on the Disapproved Publication List or it can be documented to contain material that violates Operating Procedure #803.2, as specifically listed in 803.2 Section IV (I) Specific Criteria for Publication Disapproval.

The Publication Review Committee denied the publication on August 3, 2016; which based its decision on a violation of Operating Procedure 803.2 Section IV (I) Criteria (D) and (F):

D. Material, documents, or photographs that emphasize depictions or promotions of violence, disorder, insurrection, terrorist, or criminal activity in violation of state or federal laws or the violation of the Offender Disciplinary Procedure.

F. Material that depicts, describes, or promotes gang bylaws, initiations, organizational structure, codes, or other gang-related activity or association.

I have considered your appeal of the Committee's decision and determined the Publication Review Committee disapproved the publication in accordance with Operating Procedure #803.2, Incoming Publications. Therefore, I am upholding the Committee's decision.

  
**A. David Robinson**  
**Chief of Corrections Operations**