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## **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide staff direction on the procedures to follow when involved with offenders charged with and/or convicted of crime involving woman abuse.

## **2.0 Policy**

2.1 The Department of Justice and Public Safety has overall responsibility for the delivery of Provincial Correctional Programs to both adult and youth offenders.

In regards to woman abuse, Community and Correctional Services is responsible for the supervision and treatment of perpetrators of abuse.

2.2 With the consent of the victim and where contact information is available, the victim(s) of offenses relating to Woman Abuse shall be informed of all pertinent information relating to offenders' case management plan (e. g. release date) during the offenders' term of incarceration.

2.3 The protection/safety of the victim(s) and the rehabilitation of the offender shall be priority objectives of Correctional Case Management Plans.

## **3.0 Procedure**

3.1 All sentenced offenders of Woman Abuse Cases will be referred, as part of the case management process, to the appropriate educational/treatment-related programs (e.g. Turning Point) as determined by the Case Management Team, for assessment and treatment, as deemed appropriate.

3.2 The Casework Supervisor or designate will advise Victim Services of the offenders' release date and destination (if confirmed), as well as a telephone number and contact person for the purpose of obtaining additional information.

3.3 The Casework Supervisor or designate will notify Victim Services and/or the

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victim, as per policy, if an offender escapes custody and/or is unlawfully at large.

#### 3.4 Temporary Absence

a) Upon receipt of an application for Temporary Absence , the Casework Supervisor or Center Manager shall review the offenders' institutional behaviour: program involvement, demonstrated attitudinal change, and potential risk in the community prior to making a decision on the application. Where applicable, Victim Services shall be contacted as part of the Community Investigation.

b) If a Temporary Absence is approved, the Casework Supervisor or Center Manager shall advise Victim Services of the offenders' pending release and applicable conditions that relate to the victim.

3.5 For Remanded offenders of alleged Woman Abuse Offences, offender contact with the victim(s) in any manner whatsoever will be prohibited.

3.6 For Sentenced offenders of Woman Abuse Offences, offender contact with the victim(s), in any manner whatsoever, will be prohibited unless the Case Management Team determines otherwise.

3.7 In circumstances where a no contact order is in place, as part of a court order, contact will be prohibited unless the court order is varied.

3.8 Refer to Victim Interests Adult Policy #05-01-05 for additional related information.