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TO: Executive Staff Facility Managers	Policy Subject: Capital Case Administration Section 4 – Execution Procedures	
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The purpose of this interim bulletin is to amend **Section 4 – Execution Procedures** of Department policy **6.5.8, “Capital Case Administration.”**

Subsection C.1.p. is being modified to read:

p. During this time, the curtain in the Injection Chamber will be in the open position.

Subsection C.2.h. is being modified to read:

h. The Major-of-the-Guard/designee will remove the surgical mask from the inmate and cover the inmate with a sheet up to his/her neck, signaling the commencement of the execution. He/she will make the written record of all activity in the Injection Chamber.

Subsection C.3.b. shall be deleted.

Subsection C.3.c.(10) shall be deleted.

Subsection C.3.c.(11) is being modified to read:

(11) The Capital Facility Manager/designee shall permit the Coroner to enter the Injection Chamber to conduct an examination to determine that the Phase III inmate died following the lethal injection and to pronounce the Phase III inmate dead under those circumstances.

Subsection C.4.d. shall be deleted.

Subsection C.4.e. shall be modified to read:

- e. ***The Capital Facility Manager/designee shall permit the Coroner to enter the Injection Chamber to conduct an examination to determine that the Phase III inmate died following the lethal injection and to pronounce the Phase III inmate dead under those circumstances.***

Subsection C.5.c. shall be modified to read:

- c. ***The Capital Facility Manager/designee will use the microphone in the Injection Chamber to make the following announcement over the public address system to the witnesses:***

“Ladies and Gentlemen, the County Coroner has pronounced [insert inmate’s name] dead at _____ pm. The execution is complete and the officers will now escort you out of the Execution Complex.”

Subsection C.5.d. shall be modified to read:

- d. ***After making the announcement, the Capital Facility Manager/designee will open the door to the Injection Chamber and signal the Coroner to enter the Injection Chamber to perform his/her post-execution procedures.***

Checklist of Lethal Injection Procedures (Attachment 4-E)

On page 2, Under PROCEDURE the following language has been DELETED:

_____ Major-of-the-Guard opened the curtain.

Instructions to Witnesses (Attachment 4-F)

This attachment has also been revised.