**Section 2220.50 Socializing with Committed Persons**

a) Employees shall not knowingly socialize with or engage in business transactions with any offender or releasee, or a relative or known close associate of an offender or releasee, except in the performance of an assignment or as approved in writing by the Director. However, employees shall be permitted to purchase products of offenders, such as arts, crafts, books, etc., that are offered through the facility's commissaries or offered to the general public in a public market place or forum.

b) In determining whether to grant approval, the Director shall consider factors such as whether the employee has direct custodial responsibility for the offender; the nature of the business activity to be conducted; the nature of the relationship or association; the criminal and behavioral history of the offender; and employee history and conduct.