

Department of Justice

Correctional Services Policy & Procedures

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1. Policy

- 1.1 Correctional Services will administer a contempt of court warrant of committal in accordance with
 - 1.1.1 Federal Courts Act Federal Court Rules, Sections 466 and 472 (a) and (b)
 - 1.1.2 Civil Procedures Rules of Nova Scotia, Rule 89
 - 1.1.3 Prisons and Reformatories Act, subsection 6(1)
 - 1.1.4 Policy and Procedures, Subject No. 25.01.00, Sentence Calculation General
 - 1.1.5 Policy and Procedures, Subject No. 26.00.00, Remission

2. Contempt of court

- 2.1 Contempt is a willful disregard of or disrespect for the authority of a court of law. Contempt is the offense of being disobedient to or disrespectful towards a court of law and its officers in the form of behavior that opposes or defies authority, justice, and dignity of the court.
- 2.2 There are two general categories of contempt: being rude or disrespectful to legal authorities in the courtroom or willfully failing to obey a court order.
- 2.3 A judge may impose sanctions such as a fine or jail for someone found guilty of contempt of court.

3. Remission

- 3.1 In accordance with subsection 6.1 of the *Prisons and Reformatories Act*, when a Contempt of Court Warrant of Committal
 - 3.1.1 does not require that an offender return before a court, remission is applied in accordance with Policy and Procedures, Subject No. 26.00.00, *Remission*
 - 3.1.2 requires the offender be brought back before the Court, remission does not apply

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