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**STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER KEITH POWERS,  
CHAIR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, ON RELEASE OF DOI REPORT**

“Following undercover operations by the Department of Investigation, it’s evident there are substantial holes in security at Department of Corrections’ facilities. The fact that an individual was able to make it through multiple facility screenings with contraband – both drugs and weapons – is deeply troubling.

The safety and security of inmates and personnel is in jeopardy when we fail to provide basic searches.

As Criminal Justice Chair, I will work to address these systemic issues so this does not happen again.”

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