

CRIMINAL JUSTICE and the **MEDIA:**

WEBCAMS AND PRISON VISITATION

Reflecting broader technological trends, some prisons are now allowing inmates to have “web visits” with family members, friends, and others. These visits are highly regulated and aim to strengthen ties between inmates and the community. Prisons vary in how they design the web visits. The Pinal County Sheriff’s Office uses the following webcam procedures:

In an effort to encourage inmates/detainees to maintain contact and communication with their families and friends, regular visitation privileges are afforded to the PCSO and DHS/ICE populations. The Pinal County Sheriff’s Office has recently launched a state-of-the-art web video visitation system known as iWebVisit.com.

Visitors are now able to conduct remote video visitation from your home, office or remote location over the Internet. You now can conduct an Internet Video Visit with inmates currently housed at the Pinal County Sheriff’s Office by using a computer equipped with

high-speed Internet and a webcam. This new technology “Remote Video Visitation” will offer increased remote visiting hours and visiting frequency with the convenience of seven-day availability.

The Pinal County Sheriff’s Office is proud to offer this service and is dedicated to helping connect loved ones from around the world to those entrusted in our custody.

Services may be interrupted or suspended due to operational issues at the direction of the Sheriff or Chief Deputy of the Adult Detention Center (ADC). Discrimination on the basis of a disability or other protected classes is strictly prohibited. Onsite visitors shall check in upon entry and may be subject to search and/or canine barrier screening. All visits must be scheduled 24 hours in advance. You can schedule in person at the facility or online at iWebVisit.com.

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