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## **Arizona: Halt to a Detention Practice**

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The director of Arizona state prisons suspended the use of unshaded outdoor holding cells after an inmate's death. The inmate, Marcia Powell, 48, was left in an unshaded enclosure for nearly four hours on May 19 as temperatures topped 100. The corrections director, Charles L. Ryan, said Ms. Powell, serving a sentence for prostitution, should not have been left in the cell for so long. Mr. Ryan placed three officers on administrative leave pending a criminal investigation. The outdoor cells hold inmates when they are being transferred from one area in a prison to another.

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