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Jail Overcrowding Release Report for May 24, 2005

On April 27, 2005 the Washtenaw County Sheriff declared the Washtenaw County Jail overcrowded for the third time in 2005, and informed the Court that the general prisoner population at the Jail has exceeded 100% of its capacity for seven (7) consecutive days.

The Court was notified by the Sheriff that if the Court does not find within three (3) business days, that the Sheriff has acted in error, the Sheriff shall declare a County Jail Overcrowding State of Emergency as of Monday, May 2, 2005, at 9:00 AM.

On May 2, 2005, pursuant to Public Act 325 of 1982, a County Jail Overcrowding State of Emergency was declared by the Sheriff effective 9:00AM, on May 2, 2005.

The rated capacity of the County Jail is 332 beds. The current count on May 2, 2005 was 379. Therefore, the Sheriff requested that Circuit Court Judges and District Court Judges, as well as others within the criminal justice system, should attempt to reduce the prisoner population within 14 days, utilizing all available means within the scope of their individual and collective legal authority. The reduced population should not exceed a count of 322, ten beds below the rated capacity of 332.

Pursuant to the Sheriff's request, nine inmates were released by the various courts on May 10, 2005. Those nine inmates consisted of seven inmates who had been previously sentenced, on charges of Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Larceny, Assault and Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property. Those seven inmates received a total of 79 days cut from their sentences. Two inmates were released awaiting trial on charges of Credit Card Fraud and Retail Fraud.

Those releases did not result in ending the Overcrowding Emergency. As of 12:00 AM, May 13, 2005 the Sheriff reported that the Washtenaw County Jail population total was 344 inmates, which exceeds the facility's rated capacity of 332. The Sheriff reported that during the first 14 days of overcrowding:

7 prisoners were released early,
2 granted bond reduction,
3 transferred to PA 511,

10 inmates transferred to prison,
25 inmates were boarded out - in addition to the 19 previously boarded [which totaled 44 boarded at the time]; and
6 inmates were released to treatment.

On May 13, 2005 the Sheriff was still unable to meet the mandatory count of 322 inmates (10 below the rated capacity).

The Sheriff initiated the next fourteen-day phase mandated by the Jail Overcrowding Act to begin categorizing the prisoners into high and low bands for early release. During this step the Chief Circuit Judge is required by the statute to review all sentenced offenders and determine their risk level and eligibility for sentence reduction and release. Each sentencing judge must review their list of sentenced offenders and classify each into high and low-risk for potential public safety threat. The Chief Circuit Judge then establishes a minimum and maximum percentage by which the sentences of all the low-risk offenders may be reduced. The statute required that this process be completed by May 25, 2005 (the final day of the mandated 14-day period).

The Court reviewed 151 sentenced inmates and 23 pre-sentenced inmates in the process of determining which inmates may be eligible for early release. On May 23, 2005, the Court identified 15 inmates eligible for early release, consisting of 6 felons, two misdemeanants, and 7 non-payers of child support. The release resulted in 185 total days cut from the inmates' sentences. Those released prior to completing their sentences on May 24, 2005 were:

Felons:

Ian Thomas Dyer – convicted of OWI 3rd.

Trevor William Goodman – convicted of Larceny in a Building.

Shelton Burdis Hyman – convicted of Larceny by Conversion and B & E Building.

Marsha Ann Manning – convicted of Uttering and Publishing.

Timothy Ryan Ross – convicted of Delivery of Marijuana.

Derrick Ray Warford – convicted of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

Misdemeanants:

Darold Bud Ryan – charged with False Pretenses.

Leon Richard Wells – convicted of Domestic Violence 2nd Offense.

Friend of the Court Non-Payment of Child Support:

Charles Eugene Addie – owes \$63,821.92.

Corey Mendel Borders - owes 12,378.54.

Bernardo Cavazos Jr. – owes \$22,939.74.

Richard Dean Colegrove II – owes \$9,963.85.

Jarrell Lamont Franklin – owes \$11,523.63.

Michael Andrew Howard – owes \$70,567.41 and \$11,284.37 (multiple cases.)

Terry Alan Jones – owes \$88,853.10, \$18,909.19 and \$23,042.22 (multiple cases.)

Matthew Robert Krantz – owes \$31,596.45.

On May 24, 2005, pursuant to the Public Act of 1982, No. 325, the Sheriff ended the County Jail Overcrowding State of Emergency that went into effect at 9:00 AM, Monday, May 2, 2005.

The official inmate count at 12:01 AM, May 25, 2005 was 319, which was three below the 322 needed to end the Overcrowding State of Emergency. The Sheriff also was housing 43 inmates in other facilities outside Washtenaw County.

As of June 3, 2005, the Sheriff is boarding 40 inmates at other facilities outside Washtenaw County.