

COUNTY OF ORIGIN

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The county of origin is the county of the individual's residence at the time of the individual's first felony conviction, including a juvenile conviction, in Washington State.

- If at the time of the first felony conviction the individual is homeless or the residence is unknown or out of state, the county of origin will be the county of the individual's first felony conviction, including a juvenile conviction, in Washington State.
- Vacated convictions will not be considered when determining the county of origin (e.g., individual's 2nd felony conviction will be used to determine the county of origin if the first felony conviction was vacated).

The case manager will determine the county of origin using available resources:

- At the Reception Diagnostic Center for individuals who arrive with less than 6 months to the Earned Release Date (ERD), or
- During the next regularly scheduled classification review for individuals with 6 months or more to the ERD.

The county of origin, supporting information, and the date the individual was notified of the determination and appeal process will be documented as a Chronological Event (chrono) in the individual's electronic file.

ALTERNATE COUNTY OF ORIGIN REASONS

Individuals who require an approved release address may transfer from confinement to an alternate county of origin if approved per RCW 72.09.270(8)(a).

Unless the individual has a qualified sponsor (e.g., family member, organization), alternative release plans will be explored by Section, then Region, and then Statewide. There must be no known victim safety concerns or prohibitions ordered by the court in the proposed alternate county of release.

Reason 1: Proposed address is appropriate based on a court-ordered condition(s)

The Judgment and Sentence or a court-ordered condition(s) prohibits the individual from returning to the county of origin.

The case manager will document specific information related to the prohibition in the Comments section of the release plan and as a chrono in the electronic file.

Reason 2: Victim safety concerns exist in the county of origin that cannot be mitigated

There are victim safety concerns, as indicated in the Community Concerns field in the electronic file, in the county of origin that cannot be mitigated, as determined by the Community Victim Liaison in consultation with the Victim Services Program Manager.

The case manager will consult with the assigned Community Victim Liaison, as appropriate, and consider the following:

- Likelihood that harm to specific persons and/or new criminal offenses will occur if released to the county of origin, based on previous behavior patterns or current behavior/statements.
- Information indicating that increased geographic separation between the individual and the person(s) targeted will reduce the risk of harm and/or new criminal offenses.
- Strategies/resources available to reduce specific risks in the county of origin (e.g., geographic restrictions, electronic monitoring, daily reporting, imposed conditions, treatment or other programming, surveillance).

The assigned Community Victim Liaison will consult the Victim Services Program Manager and document the decision in the electronic file.

Reason 3: Factors that increase opportunities for successful reentry and long-term support

Individual has a verified release plan outside the county of origin that includes sustainable, prosocial, and tangible support to assist with successful reentry. Factors may include:

- Supportive housing (i.e., housing vendor that has a designated house manager or democratically ran process with a manual/policy and procedures, structured house rules, including sobriety requirements)
- Employment
- Training/education
- Programming/treatment
- Location of family or other sponsoring person(s)/organization(s)
- Location of tribal services/Urban Indian organizations

The case manager does not have to consider resources in the county of origin first if the individual has a verified release plan that includes a qualified sponsor(s).

AUTHORIZATION FOR ALTERNATE COUNTY OF ORIGIN

The release plan will be forwarded to the Superintendent, Reentry Center Administrator, Reentry Senior Administrator or their designee for review and approval to submit outside the county of origin.

The decision and justification will be documented in the Comments section of the release plan.

If the Field Administrator approves the release plan, the Field Administrator will notify the Law and Justice Council in the county of release for approved exceptions.

RETURN TO COUNTY OF ORIGIN

Individuals who released outside the county of origin may be returned to the county of origin if the justification for the alternate county is no longer present and results in prolonged homelessness without any foreseeable change in status.

For approved exceptions, the Field Administrator in the county of release will notify the Law and Justice Council.