

Basic Information for Callers re: Sentencing Error

Effective Date: 12/22/2015

We will update and share this document as more information is available.

What happened?

A sentencing sequencing miscalculation in our electronic records system resulted in inaccurate release dates for some offenders. The department is putting all available resources toward solving the issue.

Who is impacted?

Offenders could be affected if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. Their release dates are between 2002 and December 11, 2015.
2. AND their sentence included a mandatory sentence or an enhancement,
3. AND they earned good time in jail.

What is the department doing about it?

DOC verified all upcoming releases and any needed recalculations for offenders who are currently incarcerated to make sure there are no additional releases prior to their actual earned release date.

We are also detaining offenders who are under active community supervision who have not completed their sentences.

We are working to fix the error within our system and verifying all the sentences of those released to see which offenders may still have time left to serve on their sentences.

What will happen if I/my loved one/perpetrator has more time to serve?

Depending on how much time you/they have left to serve, you/ the offender will come back into a facility or work release.

If an offender has been compliant with supervision requirements and crime-free during the period of release, the time between release and today will be credited day-for-day. For example, if you/the offender released 100 days prior to the completion of your/his/her sentence, and you/the offender were/was crime-free and compliant with supervision while in the community for 90 days, you/the offender will still owe 10 days of incarceration to complete your/his/her sentence.

Efforts will be made to ensure those with current employment are able to maintain stability during this period of incarceration.

When will I know if I/my loved one/perpetrator has to come back to prison?

The department is currently creating a list which will include the names and DOC numbers of affected offenders which will be available through this telephone line. We expect to have this information by January 8.

Individuals who still have time on their sentences are encouraged to report to the Department to serve the remainder of their time. Warrants will be issued for individuals who make themselves unavailable for their continued incarceration.

Toll Free Phone Line:

We have established a toll free phone line that people can call to learn updates: **Phone:** 1-855-952-9971

We will also keep our public website updated www.doc.wa.gov as information is available.

Please keep record of the following for each call and provide it to DOC Correspondence Unit via doccorrespondenceunit@doc.wa.gov

Name of caller:

Relationship to offender: i.e. Family/Friend/Self/Legal Counsel

DOC number of offender:

Duration of call: