May 15, 2020

TO: Incarcerated Individual

FROM: Stephen Sinclair, Secretary

SUBJECT: Prison Population Reduction Efforts

Today marks the end of the authority provided under a Governor’s proclamation to transfer individuals into partial confinement under Rapid Reentry. The Department’s direction was to reduce prison population up to 950. All individuals that were transitioned to the community had an approved investigated address and sponsor. There were 422 people who received commutation orders and 528 who were placed in the community through rapid reentry.

There are several circumstances that may have prevented you from receiving an approved release plan and the ability to transition using the Rapid Reentry process, to include:

- Unable to identify an approved address
  - No address provided
  - One or more addresses denied
  - Non-responsive contacts to perform address evaluation

These population reduction efforts are part of an overall response to the COIVD-19 crisis. The Washington Department of Corrections will continue to monitor the health and welfare of its incarcerated population and work diligently to continue instituting best practices throughout the system to combat COVID-19.

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