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Highlights

• According to data provided by the CT DOC, 497 offenders who earned and maintained at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in June 2018. An additional 18 offenders, earned and subsequently forfeited all of the RREC they had earned.

• The amount of RREC awarded ranged from 1 to 732 days. The average discharged offender was awarded 83 days. 288 or 58% of offenders discharging with awarded RREC had 60 days or less.

• Discharges, both RREC related and otherwise are shrinking. Last year 8% more offenders discharged from the DOC.

• The 497 offenders who discharged in June with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 80 controlling offenses associated with these discharges. The offenses and frequencies are listed in Table 2.

This report builds on the initial summary report published In February 2016 by this office. That report is available at the following link:

Releases and discharges: In CT DOC parlance, a “discharge” occurs when an offender is no longer in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction. A “release” has an entirely different meaning. Prisoners are discharged at the end of their sentences. Prisoners in a community supervision program, like parole or transitional supervision, for example, have been released from a prison facility but they remain under the custody of the DOC until they “discharge” at the conclusion of their sentences. RREC is only applied toward a prisoner’s eventual discharge date.

Awarded RREC: This analysis does not account for forfeited or revoked credits. The Commissioner has the ability to revoke credits for a variety of reasons and frequently exercises that authority. The total credits earned by an individual offender may have been more than what was ultimately awarded. In addition, some of the credits may have been earned after release but before discharge. The only way to determine whether RREC had any impact on a release must be done on a case-by-case basis.