OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division RREC Report: November 2017

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 490 offenders who earned and maintained at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in November 2017. An additional 21 offenders, earned and subsequently forfeited all of the RREC they had earned.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from 1 to 692 days. The average discharged offender was awarded 81 days. 299 or 61% of offenders discharging with awarded RREC had 60 days or less.
- Discharges, both RREC related and otherwise are shrinking. Last year 10% more offenders discharged from the DOC.
- The 490 offenders who discharged in November with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 76 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:

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/ RREC REPORT SUMMARY.pdf

TABLES

TABLE 1 - Discharges

	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	% Change	
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Nov	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	685	663	650	651	721	0%	-10%
With Awarded RREC	495	487	473	490	627	4%	-22%
Forfeited All Earned RREC	24	40	29	29	24		

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TABLE 2 - Controlling offenses at discharge of offenders awarded

RREC: November 2017

Controlling		Controlling		Controlling		
offense	Frequency	offense	Frequency	offense	Frequency	
53A032	135	53A073A	3	53A223C	1	
21A277A	47	53A056B	3	53A223B	1	
53A223*	21	53A060D	3	53A223A	1	
53A048	19	53A125	3	53A222A	1	
53A061	16	53A169	3	53A172	1	
53A103	16	53A101	3	53A166	1	
14-227A	15	29-035	3	53A151	1	
53A060	15	53A055	2	53A096	1	
53A125B	14	53A072A	2	53A128F	1	
21A279A	13	53A217C	2	53A060A	1	
53-021	11	14-223	2	53A116	1	
21A278B	9	53-206	2	53A112	1	
53A124	8	29-038	2	53A107	1	
53A134	7	53A059	2	53A102	1	
53A136	6	53A125A	2	SPECPAR	1	
53A167A	6	53A196F	2	53A101A	1	
53A049	6	53A008	2	53A092A	1	
53A181	6	14-224	2	53A071	1	
53A135	5	54-076B	2	53A061A	1	
14-215C	5	53A64BB	2	53A139	1	
53A122	5	53A056A	1			
53A070	5	29-035A	1			
53A063	5	21A266	1			
21A277B	4	53-395	1			
53A173	4	21A257	1			
53A217	4	53A123	1			
53A062	4	54-252	1			
53A167C	4	54-251	1	TOTAL	490	

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.