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

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 500 offenders who earned and maintained at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in July 2017. An additional 31 offenders, earned by subsequently forfeited all of the RREC they had earned.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from 1 to 628 days. The average discharged offender was awarded 85 days. 289 or 58% of offenders discharging with awarded RREC had 60 days or less.
- RREC related discharges have are shrinking faster than discharges as a whole. Last July 3% more offenders discharged their sentenced, by 11% more had RREC
- The 500 offenders who discharged in July with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 73 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	
	Apr	May	June	July	July	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	619	765	720	748	770	4%	-3%
With Awarded RREC	450	539	565	500	559	-12%	-11%
Forfeited Earned RREC	21	31	20	31	33	55%	-6%

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TABLE 2 - Controlling offenses at discharge of offenders awarded RREC July 2017

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offense	Frequency	offense	Frequency	offense	Frequency					
53A032	126	53A217C	3	21A279C	1					
21A277A	61	53A181	3	53A167*	1					
53A103	27	53A217	3	53A101	1					
21A279A	17	53A212	3	53A129B	1					
14-227A	16	29-035	3	53A064	1					
53A061	14	53A123	3	53A128C	1					
53A223*	13	53A102	3	53-395	1					
53A124	13	53A063	3	53A125	1					
53A060	12	53A167C	3	53A116	1					
53A134	11	53-021*	2	53A107	1					
21A277B	11	53A008	2	SPECPAR	1					
53A062	10	21A277C	2	53A055	1					
53A135	10	53A060D	2	53A056B	1					
54-076B	8	14-224	2	14-215C	1					
53A049	8	53-206	2	53A072A	1					
53A122	8	21A278B	2	53A071	1					
53A059	7	53A139	2	53A138	1					
53A048	7	53A223B	2							
53-021	7	53A095	2							
53A173	6	53A183B	2							
53A125B	6	53A172	2							
53A125A	5	14-222A	1							
53A136	4	53A64BB	1							
53A196E	4	14-227K	1							
53A167A	4	17A101A	1							
29-038	4	53A213	1							
53A070	3	53A182	1							
53A073A	3	53A169	1	Total	500					

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.