OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division RREC Report: November 2019

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 425 offenders who earned and maintained at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in November 2019. An additional 16 offenders earned and subsequently forfeited all RREC they had earned.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from 1 to 778 days. The average discharged offender was awarded 86 days. 248 or 58% of offenders discharging with awarded RREC had 60 days or less.
- All sentenced discharges dropped year over year in the month of November; RREC related discharges declined less than all discharges did.
- Offenders who discharged in November with awarded RREC served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 78 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/RRE C_REPORT_SUMMARY.pdf

TABLES

TABLE 1 - Discharges

	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	% Change	
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Nov	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	609	582	593	551	622	-7%	-11%
With Awarded RREC	462	415	373	425	452	14%	-6%
Forfeited All Earned RREC	15	13	17	16	35		

TABLE 2 - Controlling offenses at discharge of offenders awarded

		RREC: Nove	mber 2019		
Controlling		Controlling		Controlling	
offense	Frequency	offense		offense	Frequency
53A032	127	53A217	3	53A111	1
21A277A	33	SPECPAR	3	53A117	1
53A223*	23	29-035A	2	53A119B	1
53A048	15	53A070	2	53A125A	1
14-227A	12	53A063	2	53A094	1
53A060	12	21A277B	2	53A087	1
53A059	11	53A102	2	53A073A	1
53A103	11	14-215	2	53A169	1
53A061	10	53A095	2	53A129D	1
53A125B	9	53A107	2	53A106	1
53A122	8	54-076B	2	53A138	1
53A124	7	53A64BB	2	53A139	1
53A049	7	53A167A	2	53A140	1
53A173	7	53A222A	2	53A060B	1
53-021	7	53A167C	2	53A155	1
21A279A	7	53A174	2	53A058	1
53A134	6	29-038	1	53A055A	1
53A101	5	53A182	1	53A072A	1
53A135	5	53A008	1		
53A071	4	53-206	1		
53A181	4	53A182B	1		
21A278B	4	53A196E	1		
53A123	4	51-033A	1		
14-215C	3	53A212	1		
53A125	3	29-033	1		
53A223B	3	53A223A	1		
53A217C	3	53A64CC	1		
53A055	3	54-253	1		
53-021*	3	53-020	1		
53A062	3	53A136	1	Total	425

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.

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