

Law Enforcement Response to Unconditional State Prison Release

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Abstract

This study examines local law enforcement's approach to monitoring of unconditionally released state Department of Corrections inmates. Unconditionally released inmates are identified as those that are under no form of supervision. The study attempts to establish whether municipal police departments and sheriff's offices are making efforts to monitor the released inmates. Agencies were identified by number of sworn officers, jurisdiction population and type. For those agencies that monitor, further information was gathered regarding the units with this assigned duty, what methods are employed to accomplish the task and the purpose of the monitoring. It was determined that while many departments of various sizes and jurisdictions have this type of program, a significant majority of local agencies do not monitor released inmates