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Prisoner Releases Ease Jail Overcrowding

MT. CLEMENS, MI – November 12, 2014 - Sheriff Anthony Wickersham reports that, in response to the overcrowded conditions in the Macomb County Jail, releases were effected to lower the Jail population in accordance with P.A. 325 of 1982.

P.A. 325 requires that, if the Jail count exceeds 100% of the "rated design capacity" for seven consecutive days, the Sheriff shall declare a county jail overcrowding state of emergency. The rated design capacity of the Macomb County Jail is 1,218 prisoners.

On October 27th, the Sheriff made the Jail Overcrowding declaration.

On the 11th of November, Chief Circuit Court Judge John C. Foster authorized a 20% reduction of the original sentence of prisoners with community correction-eligible charges. The Judge ordered the release of prisoners that "would not present a high risk to the public safety".

As a result of the order, seventy-one persons were released in the past 24 hours.

These releases put and end to the jail overcrowding emergency.

This report is a summary of activity and incidents reported to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office over the previous week. It is not inclusive of all incidents that have been reported. The Sheriff's Office reserves the right to withhold certain information if its release is not in the community's best interest, or if we feel it will compromise an investigation.