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Subject: Superior Court Detention Case Status of Long Term Detainees: 2nd Quarter 2010,
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This is an updated quarterly report that provides an overview of Superior Court detention population cases for defendants detained longer than 120 days in a Level V Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) secure facility or the Delaware Psychiatric Center. Although the detainees may have more than one case for which he/she is being held, only the case with the highest charge for which an individual is being held is reported. This report also gives the statewide and county breakdowns for the Superior Court detainee population in a secure DOC facility 121-days or more for the 2nd quarter of 2010, and a historical look of these populations since the 1st quarter of 2007.

There are numerous reasons why an offender with a Superior Court case may be detained in a secure facility for 120 days or more. Superior Court detainees with no specific case complications are found in the category of "active" detention cases. These "active" cases are following normal court processes and have not been sentenced as of the end of the quarter. The second group of detainee cases, "other non-sentenced detention cases," are those consisting of persons with cases involving psychological issues, and those defendants found guilty but awaiting sentencing. Murder 1st degree cases are also in this "other non-sentenced" category. These cases are not held to the same time processing standards as "active cases."

The statewide Superior Court detention population summary, found in Table 1, shows a population of 201 individuals that have been detained longer than 120 days. Of these 201 individuals, 101 cases are pending disposition without exceptional circumstances. Fifty-nine are guilty but awaiting sentencing, 32 are Murder 1st cases, and the remaining 9 cases are waiting on some type of psychological evaluation. Six of the 9 individuals are being held at the Delaware Psychiatric Center.

From the second, third and fourth tables, we can see the detailed breakout by county. New Castle County has the largest percent of the statewide Superior Court detention population (77.1 percent). The remaining 23 percent of Superior Court cases are split between Kent County (13.4 percent) and Sussex County (9.5 percent).



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The final table displays the Superior Court detention population by quarter since December 31, 2006. The total 2nd quarter 2010 Superior Court detention population has decreased overall by 22 individuals, with a 31 person decrease in active cases, and a 9 person increase in the non-sentenced detention category. The current Superior Court detention population is the lowest it has been since this reports inception in 3rd Quarter 2006.

Table 1

Summary Of DOC Detainees Statewide Superior Court Cases 2nd Quarter 2010 Snapshot						
Detention Length of Stay as of 6/30/2010						
Case Type	121-150 days	151-180 days	181-270 days	271-360 days	>360 days	Total
<i>Total Active Cases</i>						
Felony A or Felony B	31	24	20	2	4	81
Other Cases	6	9	3	1	1	20
<i>Total Active Cases</i>	37	33	23	3	5	101
<i>Total Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>						
Murder 1st	7	1	6	6	12	32
Cases Involving Psych	0	0	1	1	7	9
Guilty Awaiting Sentencing Cases	6	8	21	12	12	59
<i>Total Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>	13	9	28	19	31	100
<i>Total Active and Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>						
<u>Total</u>	50	42	51	22	36	201

Table 2

Summary Of DOC Detainees With New Castle County Superior Court Cases 2nd Quarter 2010 Snapshot						
Detention Length of Stay as of 6/30/2010						
Case Type	121-150 days	151-180 days	181-270 days	271-360 days	>360 days	Total
Total Active Cases						
Felony A or Felony B	27	19	14	1	2	63
Other Cases	5	5	3	1	0	14
Total Active Cases	32	24	17	2	2	77
Total Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
Murder 1st	5	1	5	5	11	27
Cases Involving Psych	0	0	0	0	2	2
Guilty Awaiting Sentencing Cases	4	6	19	11	9	49
Total Non-Sentenced Detention Cases	9	7	24	16	22	78
Total Active and Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
Total	41	31	41	18	24	155

Table 3

Summary Of DOC Detainees With Kent Superior Court Cases 2nd Quarter 2010 Snapshot						
Detention Length of Stay as of 6/30/2010						
Case Type	121-150 days	151-180 days	181-270 days	271-360 days	>360 days	Total
Total Active Cases						
Felony A or Felony B	2	2	4	0	1	9
Other Cases	1	2	0	0	1	4
Total Active Cases	3	4	4	0	2	13
Total Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
Murder 1st	2	0	0	0	1	3
Cases Involving Psych	0	0	0	1	4	5
Guilty Awaiting Sentencing Cases	2	0	1	0	3	6
Total Non-Sentenced Detention Cases	4	0	1	1	8	14
Total Active and Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
Total	7	4	5	1	10	27

Table 4

Summary Of DOC Detainees With Sussex County Superior Court Cases 2nd Quarter 2010 Snapshot						
Detention Length of Stay as of 6/30/2010						
Case Type	121-150 days	151-180 days	181-270 days	271-360 days	>360 days	Total
<i>Total Active Cases</i>						
Felony A or Felony B	2	3	2	1	1	9
Other Cases	0	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Total Active Cases</i>	2	5	2	1	1	11
<i>Total Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>						
Murder 1st	0	0	1	1	0	2
Cases Involving Psych	0	0	1	0	1	2
Guilty Awaiting Sentencing Cases	0	2	1	1	0	4
<i>Total Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>	0	2	3	2	1	8
<i>Total Active and Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>						
<i>Grand Total</i>	2	7	5	3	2	19

Table 5

Statewide Quarterly Change in Superior Court Detention Population

	<i>Active Cases</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>121-150 days</i>	<i>151-180 days</i>	<i>181-270 days</i>	<i>271-360 days</i>	<i>>360 days</i>	
4th Quarter 2006 (12/31/06)	62	42	40	7	6	157
1st Quarter 2007 (3/31/07)	62	34	38	6	3	143
2nd Quarter 2007 (6/30/07)	66	37	44	14	2	163
3rd Quarter 2007 (9/30/07)	63	37	35	11	10	156
4th Quarter 2007 (12/31/07)	63	50	50	7	8	178
1st Quarter 2008 (3/31/08)	56	40	31	4	1	132
2nd Quarter 2008 (6/30/08)	60	29	18	5	2	114
3rd Quarter 2008 (9/30/08)	47	47	42	6	6	148
4th Quarter 2008 (12/31/08)	78	36	48	16	6	184
1st Quarter 2009 (3/31/09)	56	40	39	5	5	145
2nd Quarter 2009 (6/30/09)	45	30	28	12	4	119
3rd Quarter 2009 (9/30/09)	49	27	41	10	6	133
4th Quarter 2009 (12/31/09)	61	27	37	19	8	152
1st Quarter 2010 (3/31/10)	46	36	32	10	8	132
2nd Quarter 2010 (6/30/10)	37	33	23	3	5	101
	<i>Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>					
4th Quarter 2006 (12/31/06)	8	12	50	16	23	109
1st Quarter 2007 (3/31/07)	10	7	23	17	30	87
2nd Quarter 2007 (6/30/07)	11	17	42	16	29	115
3rd Quarter 2007 (9/30/07)	8	7	43	25	33	116
4th Quarter 2007 (12/31/07)	15	10	27	24	37	113
1st Quarter 2008 (3/31/08)	7	12	48	19	40	126
2nd Quarter 2008 (6/30/08)	5	18	41	29	38	131
3rd Quarter 2008 (9/30/08)	14	12	47	16	38	127
4th Quarter 2008 (12/31/08)	16	14	47	26	31	134
1st Quarter 2009 (3/31/09)	9	12	41	23	32	117
2nd Quarter 2009 (6/30/09)	19	14	28	32	33	126
3rd Quarter 2009 (9/30/09)	12	7	29	22	44	114
4th Quarter 2009 (12/31/09)	17	8	30	12	45	112
1st Quarter 2010 (3/31/10)	13	6	25	14	33	91
2nd Quarter 2010 (6/30/10)	13	9	28	19	31	100
	<i>Total Active and Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>					
4th Quarter 2006 (12/31/06)	70	54	90	23	29	266
1st Quarter 2007 (3/31/07)	72	41	61	23	33	230
2nd Quarter 2007 (6/30/07)	77	54	86	30	31	278
3rd Quarter 2007 (9/30/07)	71	44	78	36	43	272
4th Quarter 2007 (12/31/07)	78	60	77	31	45	291
1st Quarter 2008 (3/31/08)	63	52	79	23	41	258
2nd Quarter 2008 (6/30/08)	65	47	59	34	40	245
3rd Quarter 2008 (9/30/08)	61	59	89	22	44	275
4th Quarter 2008 (12/31/08)	94	50	95	42	37	318
1st Quarter 2009 (3/31/09)	65	52	80	28	37	262
2nd Quarter 2009 (6/30/09)	64	44	56	44	37	245
3rd Quarter 2009 (9/30/09)	61	34	70	32	50	247
4th Quarter 2009 (12/31/09)	78	35	67	31	53	264
1st Quarter 2010 (3/31/10)	59	42	57	24	41	223
2nd Quarter 2010 (6/30/10)	50	42	51	22	36	201