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Subject: Superior Court Detention Case Status of Long Term Detainees: 4th Quarter 2013, December 31, 2013

This updated quarterly report 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 120-days or more for the 4th quarter of 2013, and a historical look of these populations since the 3rd quarter of 2009.

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 418 individuals that have been detained longer than 120 days. Of these 418 individuals, 287 cases are pending disposition without exceptional circumstances. Eighty-three are guilty awaiting sentencing, 38 are Murder 1st cases, and the remaining 10 cases are awaiting some type of psychological evaluation. Eight of the individuals awaiting psychological evaluation are physically held at the Delaware Psychiatric Center.

The second, third and fourth tables, show a detailed breakout by county. New Castle County has the largest percent of the statewide Superior Court detention population (72.7%). The remaining 27% of Superior Court cases are between Kent County (18.9%) and Sussex County (8.4%).

The final table displays the Superior Court detention population by quarter since September 30, 2009. The total 4th quarter 2013 Superior Court detention population has increased overall by 51 individuals, with a 58 person increase in active cases, and a 7 person decrease in the other non-sentenced detention category since 3rd quarter 2013. The overall increase in population is the largest increase between quarters since 3rd quarter 2009, and marks the highest Superior Court detention population in the last 4 years.

Table 1

Summary Of DOC Detainees Statewide Superior Court Cases 4th Quarter 2013 Snapshot						
Detention Length of Stay as of 12/31/2013						
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	55	34	64	23	20	196
Other Cases	35	22	22	10	2	91
Total Active Cases	90	56	86	33	22	287
Total Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
Murder 1st	1	2	1	6	28	38
Cases Involving Psych	0	0	0	1	9	10
Guilty Awaiting Sentencing Cases	7	8	29	23	16	83
Total Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases	8	10	30	30	53	131
Total Active and Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
<u>Total</u>	98	66	116	63	75	418

Table 2

Summary Of DOC Detainees With New Castle County Superior Court Cases 4th Quarter 2013 Snapshot						
Detention Length of Stay as of 12/31/2013						
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	29	24	43	12	15	123
Other Cases	30	19	12	8	1	70
Total Active Cases	59	43	55	20	16	193
Total Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
Murder 1st	1	2	1	4	21	29
Cases Involving Psych	0	0	0	1	7	8
Guilty Awaiting Sentencing Cases	5	7	27	21	14	74
Total Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases	6	9	28	26	42	111
Total Active and Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
Total	65	52	83	46	58	304

Table 3

Summary Of DOC Detainees With Kent Superior Court Cases 4th Quarter 2013 Snapshot						
Detention Length of Stay as of 12/31/2013						
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	19	7	14	11	3	54
Other Cases	4	1	8	1	1	15
Total Active Cases	23	8	22	12	4	69
Total Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
Murder 1st	0	0	0	2	4	6
Cases Involving Psych	0	0	0	0	1	1
Guilty Awaiting Sentencing Cases	1	0	0	0	2	3
Total Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases	1	0	0	2	7	10
Total Active and Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases						
Total	24	8	22	14	11	79

Table 4

Summary Of DOC Detainees With Sussex County Superior Court Cases 4th Quarter 2013 Snapshot						
Detention Length of Stay as of 12/31/2013						
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	7	3	7	0	2	19
Other Cases	1	2	2	1	0	6
<i>Total Active Cases</i>	8	5	9	1	2	25
<i>Total Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>						
Murder 1st	0	0	0	0	3	3
Cases Involving Psych	0	0	0	0	1	1
Guilty Awaiting Sentencing Cases	1	1	2	2	0	6
<i>Total Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>	1	1	2	2	4	10
<i>Total Active and Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>						
<i>Grand Total</i>	9	6	11	3	6	35

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>	
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
3rd Quarter 2010 (9/30/10)	58	37	37	6	6	144
4th Quarter 2010 (12/31/10)	61	50	56	13	5	185
1st Quarter 2011 (3/31/11)	44	44	57	18	7	170
2nd Quarter 2011 (6/30/11)	57	34	34	7	10	142
3rd Quarter 2011 (9/30/11)	48	40	58	10	7	163
4th Quarter 2011 (12/31/11)	63	37	38	15	5	158
1st Quarter 2012 (3/31/12)	45	23	43	9	7	127
2nd Quarter 2012 (6/30/12)	34	34	22	16	8	114
3rd Quarter 2012 (9/30/12)	54	33	42	5	9	143
4th Quarter 2012 (12/31/12)	67	46	49	9	5	176
1st Quarter 2013 (3/31/13)	64	39	64	16	5	188
2nd Quarter 2013 (6/30/13)	69	49	64	22	11	215
3rd Quarter 2013 (9/30/13)	63	53	76	22	15	229
4th Quarter 2013 (12/31/13)	90	56	86	33	22	287
<i>Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>						
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
3rd Quarter 2010 (9/30/10)	6	11	35	17	25	94
4th Quarter 2010 (12/31/10)	3	9	29	21	30	92
1st Quarter 2011 (3/31/11)	3	6	26	23	28	86
2nd Quarter 2011 (6/30/11)	8	7	30	27	33	105
3rd Quarter 2011 (9/30/11)	12	7	28	17	29	93
4th Quarter 2011 (12/31/11)	7	8	31	24	36	106
1st Quarter 2012 (3/31/12)	17	14	34	17	33	115
2nd Quarter 2012 (6/30/12)	6	9	26	22	25	88
3rd Quarter 2012 (9/30/12)	8	6	18	17	33	82
4th Quarter 2012 (12/31/12)	12	13	32	24	37	118
1st Quarter 2013 (3/31/13)	5	10	48	16	37	116
2nd Quarter 2013 (6/30/13)	8	7	27	36	35	113
3rd Quarter 2013 (9/30/13)	7	14	36	27	54	138
4th Quarter 2013 (12/31/13)	8	10	30	30	53	131
<i>Total Active and Other Non-Sentenced Detention Cases</i>						
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
3rd Quarter 2010 (9/30/10)	64	48	72	23	31	238
4th Quarter 2010 (12/31/10)	64	59	85	34	35	277
1st Quarter 2011 (3/31/11)	47	50	83	41	35	258
2nd Quarter 2011 (6/30/11)	65	41	64	34	43	247
3rd Quarter 2011 (9/30/11)	60	47	86	27	36	256
4th Quarter 2011 (12/31/11)	70	45	69	39	41	264
1st Quarter 2012 (3/31/12)	62	37	77	26	40	242
2nd Quarter 2012 (6/30/12)	40	43	48	38	33	202
3rd Quarter 2012 (9/30/12)	62	39	60	22	42	225
4th Quarter 2012 (12/31/12)	79	59	81	33	42	294
1st Quarter 2013 (3/31/13)	69	49	112	32	42	304
2nd Quarter 2013 (6/30/13)	77	56	91	58	46	328
3rd Quarter 2013 (9/30/13)	70	67	112	49	69	367
4th Quarter 2013 (12/31/13)	98	66	116	63	75	418