

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: April 27, 2009

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NATURE OF STORY: Release of two defendants from the Lane County Jail accused of Manslaughter and Criminally Negligent Homicide.

LOCATION: Lane County Jail

INVOLVED: Holcomb, Anthony, 200907158
Gates, Terry, 200909467

DETAILS:

Holcomb, Anthony, who was charged with DUII, Manslaughter-2, Reckless Driving; and Gates, Terry, who was charged with Criminally Negligent Homicide, and DUII were both released from the Lane County Jail on Monday, April 27, 2009 due to capacity issues. Both defendants were released by the State Circuit Court Pretrial Services Office on supervised capacity-based release agreements. One of the conditions is that they will both be monitored with an electronic tracking device. Holcomb was lodged in the jail on April 5, 2009 and Gates on April 25, 2009.

The Lane County Jail operates under a federal consent decree that specifies that the jail must not occupy more than 93% of its funded beds. A risk assessment tool is used to determine who is to be released in the event that capacity is exceeded.

The tool determines who is the least likely to be a danger to the public relative to the rest of the inmates in custody who are eligible for release at that time. These capacity based releases take place an average of 14 times per day.

Since the Adult Corrections system was drastically downsized last July, 3,768 defendants and sentenced offenders have been released from the jail due to overcrowding. It is expected that by this July, that number will be approximately 4,590. Many of those that the jail has been forced to release have had violent felony charges.

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