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NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

Message from CIC Executive Director



During the past couple of months, the District has experienced significant progress in the implementation of the Comprehensive Youth Justice Amendment Act of 2016. Part of this broad Act allows for juveniles who were convicted as adults and given life sentences to petition DC Superior Court for [a sentence reduction](#) after serving 20 years of imprisonment. Several persons eligible for consideration for sentence reduction have returned to DC for hearings, and CIC staff have been meeting with them and tracking their progress. It is still early days yet, and the CIC will collect information and share concerns with corrections agencies and District leadership, to help transitions back to DC be smooth ones.

Also under this Act, the CIC and the District eagerly anticipates the move of juveniles charged as adults from the adult DC Department of Corrections facility to the District's juvenile detention facility, under the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS). Plans for the move are underway, which should occur by October 1, 2018.

While the CIC's mandate applies to adult facilities, the CIC has and will continue to monitor the conditions and effects of the adult corrections system on the youth most affected by it.

Michelle Bonner

Amendment Act of 2016: Update



On Monday, July 9, 2018, Kareem McCarney became the first person to be resentenced to time served (21 years) and set free under the [Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act of 2016 \(IRAA\)](#). Under IRAA, Mr. McCarney was able to petition DC Superior Court to reduce the life

sentence he received when he was a juvenile, after serving twenty years of that sentence. Mr. McCarney is looking forward to giving back to the community and helping other justice-involved men and women.

The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth (CFSY) and The Public Defender Service for the District Of Columbia (PDS) are currently working to identify those who may be eligible to benefit from IRAA. For more information contact CFSY at (202) 289-4677 or PDS at (202) 628-1200. For a full list of IRAA eligibility requirements, visit the [CFSY website](#).



On July 15, 2018, the [Washington Post](#) reported that a defendant awaiting trial in federal court walked out of a Southeast Washington halfway house and allegedly murdered his former employer in Tennessee. According to this report, the US Marshal Service (USMS) did not receive notice of the defendant absconding from the halfway house. Numerous inmates awaiting federal trials in the District have been transferred by the U.S. Marshal Service (USMS) from DC Department of Corrections (DOC) custody to regional jails in Virginia in the past few months. The USMS says that these transfers are for public safety reasons, and federal officials have not hidden their frustration with the DOC's tracking of federal detainees and unauthorized releases.

The Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety held a public oversight roundtable on the issue of unauthorized releases of detainees in DOC custody on June 28, 2018, where Chairperson Allen also commented on the USMS decision to move many federal pretrial detainees 89 miles to 180 miles away from DC to VA regional jails. Chairperson Allen, Mayor Bowser, and others have expressed concern about

**** CIC Inspection Report: FMC Carswell ****



On July 6, 2018, the CIC published an inspection report for Federal Medical Center (FMC) Carswell, a female federal medical center in Carswell, Texas. The CIC conducted an on-site inspection of FMC Carswell in September 2017 and spoke with DC women incarcerated there.

Following the inspection, the CIC continued to receive reports and information, which are referenced in the [CIC Inspection report and BOP Response](#). You can read this and other CIC inspection reports on the CIC website, <https://cic.dc.gov/>.

The CIC thanks its staff, board members, interns, volunteers, BOP Central Office and facility staff, incarcerated DC residents and their loved ones who have contributed to these reports.

Brown Bag Presentation on Restorative Justice and the Effects in Rwanda

On Thursday, July 26, CIC Board Chair Charles Thornton presented at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia brown bag lunch, "Restorative Justice and the Effects in Rwanda." Mr. Thornton and others from the District attended the 8th International Conference on Human Rights & Prison Reform, hosted by International CURE and held in Kigali, Rwanda. Mr. Thornton spoke of the history and practice of restorative justice in Rwanda, which has allowed the country to overcome brutal tribal violence and the 1994 genocide. Mr. Thornton shared the stories of some of the men and women practicing restorative justice, the ways in which the country preserves its history (such as having memorials within churches that were once used for violence), and the ways in which restorative justice has reunited the populace as one people.



Future CIC Open Meeting Dates

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, location TBD

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, location TBD



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