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July 1, 2015

The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor
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Dear Governor Scott, General Bondi, CFO Atwater, and Commissioner Putnam:

Pursuant to the Rules of Executive Clemency, attached is the fifth annual report required by Rule 18 - "Collection of Statistics and Evaluation of Clemency Action."

This report provides information on the status of individuals, whose rights were restored for the previous two calendar years, including recidivism statistics and evaluative data. The felon population reviewed and subsequent data measured includes those individuals whose civil rights were granted during the reporting period and are identified in the clemency database.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this report, please contact me at your convenience at 850-487-1980.

Respectfully,

Tena M. Pate
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RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS' RECIDIVISM REPORT FOR 2013 & 2014

Presented to the Florida Board of Executive Clemency

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Florida Commission on Offender Review

The Commission acts as the investigative and administrative arm
of the Board of Executive Clemency.

Mission Statement

*To Ensure Public Safety and Provide Victim Assistance
Through the Post Prison Release Process*

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Report Overview

Introduction

Pursuant to Rule 18, Rules of Executive Clemency, the Office of Executive Clemency, the Florida Commission on Offender Review, and the Department of Corrections are directed to provide annually, beginning July 1, 2011 and each year thereafter, a report on the status of individuals whose rights were restored for the previous two calendar years, including recidivism statistics and evaluative data.

Rule 18 states:

“18. Collection of Statistics and Evaluation of Clemency Action

The Office of Executive Clemency, in conjunction with the Florida Commission on Offender Review and Department of Corrections, shall collect and submit to the Clemency Board an annual written report providing statistics and evaluations regarding the status of those individuals whose rights were restored during the previous two calendar years. The first report shall be filed on July 1, 2011.”¹

This report provides data on the number of individuals whose civil rights were restored during calendar years 2013 and 2014, along with data indicating the number and percentage of these individuals that have reoffended by committing a new felony conviction subsequent to the date their civil rights were granted by the Clemency Board.

Methodology

TABLE I

All individuals whose civil rights were granted during the reporting period were identified in the Florida Commission on Offender Review’s Management of Application for Clemency (MAC) database and are included in this report.

TABLE II

The definition of “reoffend” for this table is any individual who has been convicted of a new felony offense and has returned to the custody of the Florida Department of Corrections (DC), the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a Florida county jail, or another out-of-state entity, subsequent to the date their civil rights were granted by the Clemency Board.

All individuals whose civil rights were granted during the reporting period were reviewed by Commission staff to determine if any new felony convictions occurred subsequent to the date an individual’s civil rights were granted. Criminal histories for each individual were reviewed by running queries in three criminal justice databases between June 1-5, 2015. The databases utilized were the Florida Crime Information Center/National Crime Information Center (FCIC/NCIC), the Corrections Data Center (CDC), and the Comprehensive Case Information System (CCIS).

TABLE III

The definition of “reoffend” for this table is any individual who has returned to the custody of the Florida Department of Corrections (DC) subsequent to the date their civil rights were granted by the Clemency Board.

All individuals whose civil rights were granted during the reporting period and are identified by a DC Number in the MAC database were cross-referenced against the DC database on June 16, 2015. Some individuals in the MAC database do not have a DC Number if they only had an out-of-state or federal felony conviction, or a felony conviction which resulted in service of a county jail sentence.

1 Florida Rules of Executive Clemency, Rule 18, revised March 9, 2011, effective March 9, 2011.

Data Tables

TABLE I
PERSONS GRANTED RCR
Calendar Years 2013 & 2014

CLEMENCY TYPE	PERSONS GRANTED RCR IN 2013	PERSONS GRANTED RCR IN 2014	TOTAL
Restoration of Civil Rights	569	562	1,131

TABLE II
PERSONS REOFFENDING WITH NEW FELONY CONVICTION
Calendar Years 2013 & 2014

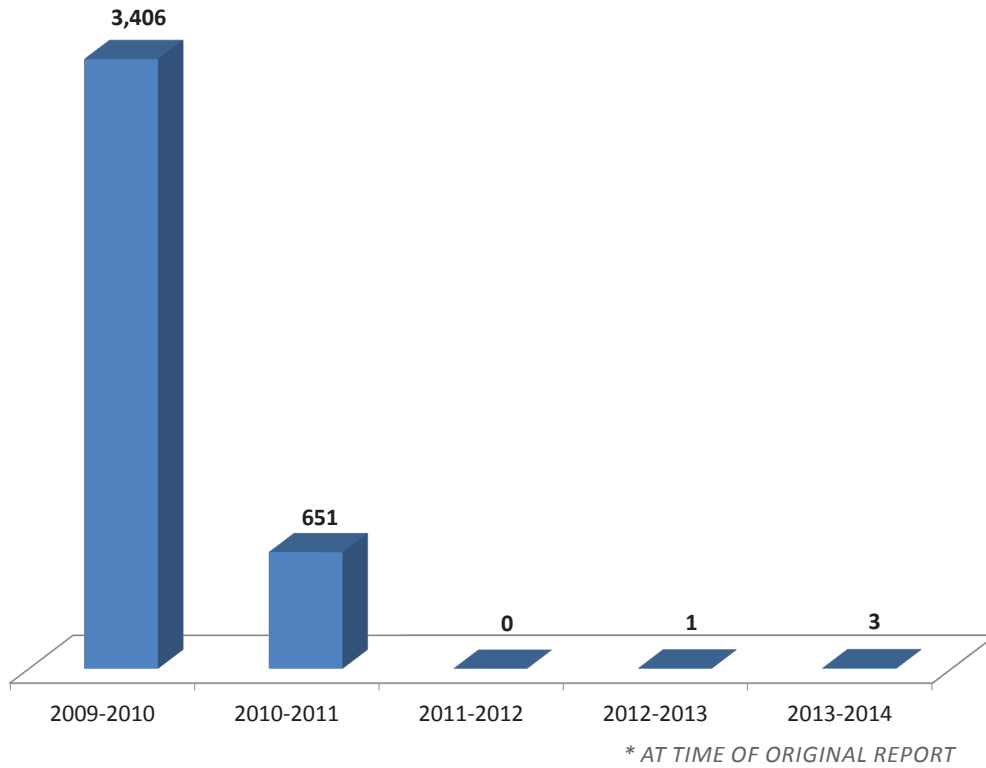
CALENDAR YEAR GRANTED	TOTAL PERSONS GRANTED RCR	TOTAL PERSONS REOFFENDING WITH NEW FELONY CONVICTION	PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS REOFFENDING WITH NEW FELONY CONVICTION
2013	569	4	0.7%
2014	562	1	0.2%
Total	1,131	5	0.4%

TABLE III
PERSONS RETURNED TO FL DC CUSTODY BY REPORT YEAR & CURRENT YEAR

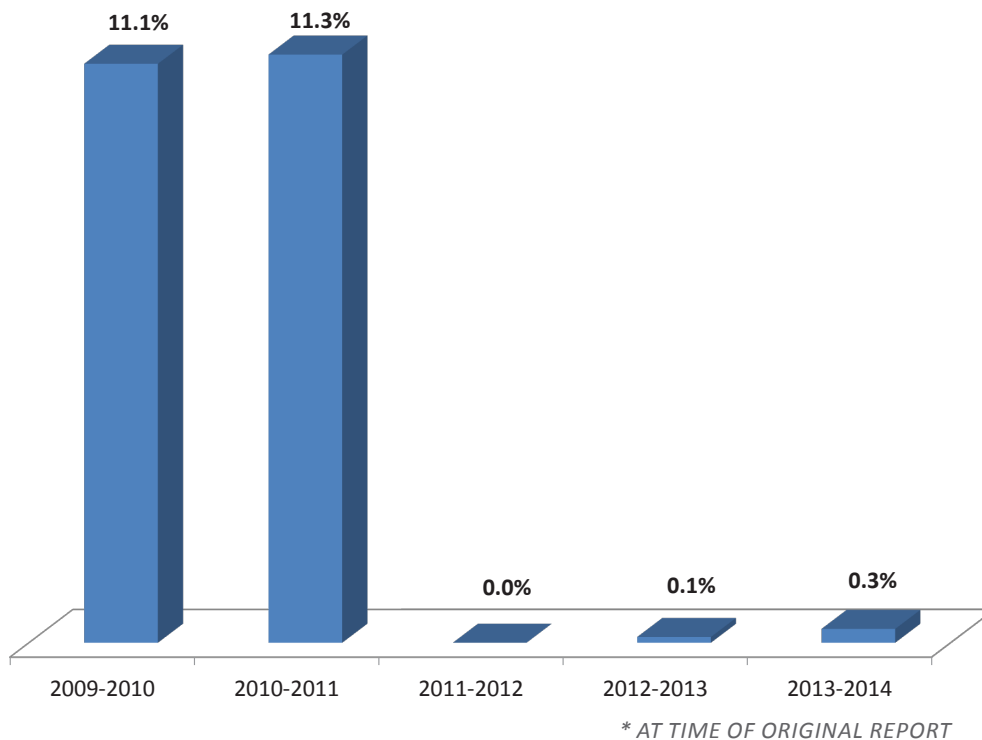
RCR RECIDIVISM REPORT YEAR	CALENDAR YEARS	PERSONS GRANTED RCR	PERSONS RETURNED TO FL DC CUSTODY AT TIME OF ORIGINAL REPORT	PERCENTAGE AT TIME OF ORIGINAL REPORT	PERSONS RETURNED TO DC CUSTODY AS OF 6/16/15	PERCENTAGE AS OF 6/16/15
Jul 01, 2011	2009-2010	30,672	3,406	11.1%	7,829	25.5%
Jul 01, 2012	2010-2011	5,771	651	11.3%	1,365	23.7%
Jul 01, 2013	2011-2012	420	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Jul 01, 2014	2012-2013	911	1	0.1%	3	0.3%
Jul 01, 2015	2013-2014	1,131	3	0.3%	3	0.3%

Data Tables

PERSONS GRANTED CIVIL RIGHTS THAT WERE RETURNED TO FL DC CUSTODY*



PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS GRANTED CIVIL RIGHTS THAT WERE RETURNED TO FL DC CUSTODY*



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