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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:

THE SHERIFF OF WASHOE COUNTY REGARDING THE POPULATION OF THE WASHOE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY.



CATHY HILL, ACTING CLERK
By: DEPUTY CLERK

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-8**

WHEREAS the Sheriff of Washoe County has requested authorization to release certain inmates pursuant to NRS 211. 240(2) in order to relieve overcrowding conditions at the Detention Facility, by applying to the Chief Judge through application to this Court. A copy of the application is attached to this Order. The undersigned Chief Judge has consulted with the administrative judges of the Washoe County Justice Court and Reno Municipal Court:

Good cause appearing,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The sheriff is authorized to release from custody inmates from the Washoe County Detention Facility in order to relieve overcrowding resulting in an unsafe situation as defined by NRS 211.240(7), provided those inmates qualify for such early release under the conditions set forth in NRS 211.240 (4), and (5).
- 2. Excluded from this release order are those inmates being held for Department of Parole and Probation holds, or on charges in the following categories: homicide, all sexual offenses, violation of protective orders, all domestic violence offenses, weapons offenses, and felony DUI offenses.

3. The authority herein granted to the Sheriff of Washoe County shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

DATED this 24 day of October, 2014.

David A. Hardy Chief District Judge



Dedicated Service in Partnership with our Community



TO:

Chief Judge David Hardy

FROM:

Captain Jerry Baldridge

DATE:

10/24/2014

RE:

Authorization for early release

Chief Judge Hardy,

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally request that you grant authority and approval for the Sheriff of Washoe County to conduct early releases pursuant to the provisions stated in NRS 211.240.

The current population of the Washoe County Detention Facility is 1108. When the population reaches 1117, dayroom bunking must be implemented. This practice not only requires additional staffing, but it poses several issues to include officer safety concerns and potential civil rights violations. Tier time or "free time" for the inmates in the crowded housing units is severely impacted as we will be required to house and bunk inmates in the areas normally reserved for their constitutionally mandated time out of their cells.

This weekend in Downtown Reno there is an event scheduled, "The Zombie Crawl" that has proven in prior years to increase Saturday night bookings significantly.

We presently have identified a number of inmates in our custody that qualify under the statute and could be immediately released allowing for the expected increase in bookings this weekend.

Thank you for your consideration.

Captain Jerry Baldridge