



## **REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**

### **Violations, Penalties, and Actions Relating to Persons on Conditional Release to a Secure Community Transition Facility**

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## Introduction

RCW 71.09.325(4) directs the Department of Social and Health Services, on an annual basis, to compile information in writing on all violations, penalties, and actions by the department to remove people from a secure community transition facility, and contract terminations. The report is issued on an annual basis to the Office of Financial Management and the appropriate committees of the legislature.

This report addresses violations that occurred between September 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

The Special Commitment Center and the transition treatment teams closely monitor the treatment progress and activity of residents who have court-ordered conditional releases. A secure community transition facility is a structured and closely supervised community residential program that provides community protection and an appropriate environment where conditionally released SCC residents continue treatment and learn/practice skills to make a successful transition to community living. The SCC operates two facilities, one located in Pierce County on McNeil Island, and one located in the SODO district of King County. During the reporting period, the Pierce County Secure Community Transition Facility had a funded bed capacity of 24, and the King County SCTF had a funded capacity of 12-beds.

Contracted Less Restrictive Alternatives are privately-owned community placements for SCC residents that are not owned or operated by the state. Contracted LRAs provide SCC the ability to provide oversight to community housing providers. During the reporting period, there were a total of 32 contracted beds across 6 contracted housing placements.

A resident that has been returned to custody for evaluation and recommended action still receives a final order from the court of commitment. The judge that oversees the case can remand residents to the total confinement facility, re-release them to their original LRA, or re-release them to an alternative LRA community placement.

## Current Status

From September 2024 to September 2025 there were nine residents released to SCTFs and five residents released to contracted housing on LRAs court orders. During the reporting period, 17 residents were returned from SCTFs and contracted LRA placements to the SCC Total Confinement Facility on McNeil Island. Of the 17 residents, seven were from SCTF and ten were from a contracted LRA.

Movement of those residents who returned to Total Confinement within the designated period reflects the following: seven residents were re-released to an LRA, two residents had their LRA orders revoked by the court and eight residents remain at the Total Confinement Facility pending a court hearing.

## Serious Violation Explanation

RCW 71.09.325 (1) any conditionally released person who commits a serious violation of conditions shall be returned to the SCC, unless arrested by a law enforcement officer, and the court shall be notified immediately and shall initiate proceedings under RCW 71.09.098.

If an action occurs and a resident is returned to the Total Confinement Facility, a court hearing is requested to determine if the resident will be revoked or returned to the community.

## Service Providers

During this reporting period, there were no sanctions issued to service providers.

## Violations

We categorize our violations based on type:

- Failure to follow directives
- Failure to follow SCTF rules
- Phone misuse
- Failure to adhere to treatment
- Unapproved contact
- Failure to follow internet/computer/media guidelines
- Other – these are categorized as technical violations of the court order that may be beyond a resident’s control (i.e. a sex offender treatment provider retiring suddenly or losing housing due to circumstances).

Resident	Date	Serious Violation Description	Outcome
24.1	10/25/2024	Violation 1: Failure to follow directives	Returned to Total Confinement
24.2	11/30/2024	Violation 1: Failure to follow directives Violation 2: Failure to follow directives Violation 3: Failure to follow directives	Returned to Total Confinement
24.3	12/9/2024	Violation 1: Unapproved contact	Returned to Total Confinement
24.4	12/30/2024	Violation 1: Failure to follow media guidelines Violation 2: Unapproved contact Violation 3: Failure to follow directives	Returned to Total Confinement

Resident	Date	Serious Violation Description	Outcome
25.1	1/23/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 2: Failure to adhere to treatment	Returned to Total Confinement
25.2	1/23/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow directives Violation 2: Failure to follow directives Violation 3: Failure to adhere to treatment Violation 4: Failure to follow directives	Returned to Total Confinement
25.3	1/28/2025	Violation 1: Phone misuse Violation 2: Failure to follow directives	Returned to Total Confinement
25.4	2/5/2025	Violation 1: Failure to adhere to treatment Violation 2: Failure to follow internet, computer, and media guidelines Violation 3: Unapproved contact	Returned to Total Confinement
25.5	3/5/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow SCTF rules	Returned to Total Confinement
25.6	4/21/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow SCTF rules	Returned to Total Confinement
25.7	5/9/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow directives Violation 2: Failure to follow directives Violation 3: Failure to follow directives Violation 4: Failure to follow directives Violation 5: Failure to follow directives Violation 6: Failure to adhere to treatment Violation 7: Failure to follow directives	County Jail then Returned to Total Confinement
25.8	5/19/2025	Violation 1: Failure to adhere to treatment Violation 2: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 3: Failure to follow internet guidelines Violation 4: Failure to follow internet guidelines Violation 5: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 6: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 7: Failure to follow directives Violation 8: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 9: Failure to follow directives	Returned to Total Confinement

Resident	Date	Serious Violation Description	Outcome
25.9	6/26/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow directives Violation 2: Failure to follow internet guidelines Violation 3: Failure to follow directives Violation 4: Unapproved contact	Returned to Total Confinement
25.10	6/30/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 2: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 3: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 4: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 5: Failure to follow directives	Returned to Total Confinement
25.11	7/7/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow media guidelines Violation 2: Failure to adhere to treatment Violation 3: Failure to adhere to treatment	Returned to Total Confinement
25.12	7/9/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow SCTF rules	Returned to Total Confinement
25.13	7/10/2025	Violation 1: Failure to follow SCTF rules Violation 2: Failure to follow directives Violation 3: Failure to follow SCTF rules	Returned to Total Confinement

**Table 1. Serious Violation Data**

Between both SCTFs and all contracted LRA housing locations, there were a total of 52 violations committed by a total of 17 unique residents. Subsequently, 17 residents had serious violations resulting in their return to the total confinement facility. RCW 71.09.325 states serious violations include but are not limited to:

- a. The commission of any criminal offense;
- b. Any unlawful use or possession of a controlled substance; and
- c. Any violation of conditions aimed at addressing the person’s documented pattern of offense that increases the risk to public safety.

However, per the statute, nothing in this section limits the authority of the department to return a person to the special commitment center based on a violation that is not a serious violation as defined in RCW 71.09.325 1(a),(b),(c).

Each violation is viewed in individualized context, weighing ability to mitigate safety concerns, resident’s current presentation and circumstance, dynamic risk factors, protective factors, specific violation factors, and other relevant information that assists in informed decision making. Each violation generates the involvement and decision making of the Residential Community Transition Team.

## Summary

This reporting period yielded a moderate number of returns relative to the total number of residents placed at both SCTFs and all contracted LRA housing. Contributors for the increase in return census include a commitment to community safety and providing further care and treatment within total confinement when deemed appropriate by the Residential Community Transition team.