



MISSION: TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY
BY POSITIVELY CHANGING LIVES



VISION: WORKING TOGETHER
FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

House Public Safety Work Session State v. Blake



State v. Blake Court Orders

As of November 8, 2021

The department does not have the statutory authority to disregard or unilaterally correct a judgment and sentence and must wait for the court to issue further direction.

DOC has received 13,362 court orders impacting 8,483 individuals pursuant to State v. Blake.

Total or Partial Confinement	
Count of Individuals	1,446
Individuals Granted Immediate Release	444
Total Orders Received	2,812

Community Supervision	
Count of Individuals	7,037
Total Orders Received	10,550



State v. Blake Commutations

As of November 8, 2021

The department worked with the Governor's Office to offer commutations to individuals serving sentences solely for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

- April 2021 – Total or partial confinement
- July 2021 – Active supervision
- September 2021 – Inactive/warrant status

Total or Partial Confinement	
Total Commutations	19
DOC Facility	17
Work Release	2

Community Supervision	
Total Petitions Received	849
Petitions Signed by Governor	523

Since 3/1/2021,

- Provided criminal justice partners with data, to help them strategize and deploy responses to court decisions.
- Implemented virtual hearings at all 12 prison facilities in order to expedite court proceedings.
- Since March 2021, DOC has facilitated 3,032 virtual court hearings and is currently averaging 40-50 hearings each week.

Virtual Hearings	
State v. Blake	1,192
Other	1,840

- Coordinated internal and external resources for individuals releasing to assist in successful reentry.
- The department was able to provide critical resources to individuals releasing pursuant to State v. Blake.
 - \$100 food cards
 - Hotel/Housing Vouchers
 - Prepaid Cell Phones
 - Backpacks with Hygiene Items
- Stopped deducting/billing for Legal Final Obligations solely for simple possession convictions.

- Individuals sentenced to Community Custody and supervised by the department are subject to a standard condition to Obey All Laws, and additional conditions based upon the risk to community safety (RCW 9.94A.704).
- Most individuals sentenced to Community Custody have either Court ordered or department-imposed conditions to refrain from possession/consumption of a controlled substance.
- If/when a Community Corrections Officer (CCO) encounters a supervised individual that is discovered to be in possession of a controlled substance, CCOs continue to:
 - Defer to law enforcement with respects to addressing the new alleged law violation(s);
 - Address any violations of conditions of supervision; and
 - Make appropriate referrals to community-based treatment providers

Thank you to all the agencies, organizations, stakeholders and partners that have worked together with DOC to provide resources for those releasing and supporting successful reentry.



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