

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Public Act 252 of 2014
Article V, Section 305
Prisoner Suicide Report

This report provides information as requested in Section 305 of PA 252 of 2014 regarding prisoners who committed suicide during the previous calendar year (January 1- December 31, 2014). In order to protect confidentiality the data is being provided in summary narrative by section, rather than in table format specific to each prisoner. All unique identifiers have been removed.

(a) The prisoners' age, offense, sentence and admission date for fifteen (15) suicides occurring in 2014:

- Age - Prisoners' ages were 20, 21, 23, 23, 28, 29, 29, 30, 31, 32, 47, 49, 51, 52, and 55 years.
- Offense –
 - CSC - Assault With Intent to Commit Sexual Penetration
 - Assault with Intent to Commit Murder
 - Robbery Armed; Weapons - Felony Firearms
 - Homicide/Murder; Breaking & Entering a Building With Intent
 - Assault w/a Dangerous Weapon initially w/ Malicious Destruction of Fire or Police Property and Assault of a Prison employee
 - Two counts of CSC 1st Degree <13; Two counts of CSC 2nd Degree <13
 - Two counts Breaking & Entering a Building With Intent and Controlled Substance-Delivery/Manufacturing
 - Homicide - Murder of Peace/Corrections Officer; Weapons - Carrying Concealed; Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile; Weapons - Felony Firearms
 - Possession of Burglars Tool
 - Assault Of Prison Employee; Peace Officer - Disarming Firearm - Attempt; Assaulting An Employee Or Escape Jail; Car Jacking; Two counts of Robbery Armed; Controlled Substance-Delivery/Manufacturing Nar/Cocaine <50 Grams
 - Child Sex. Abusive Material/Activity-Distributing/Promoting; Distributing Obscene Matter to Minor; Children - Accosting for Immoral Purposes; Child Sexually Abusive Material - Possession; Five counts of Forgery
 - Weapons - Carrying Concealed; Assault with Intent to Commit Murder; Robbery Armed; Assault with Dangerous Weapon (Felonious Assault); Assault with Intent to Rob while Armed
 - Assault by Strangulation or Suffocation
 - Criminal Sexual Conduct, 1st Degree
 - Home Invasion - 1st Degree; Assault w/Intent to Murder
- Sentence –
 - 3-10 yrs.
 - 9-30 yrs.
 - 4-15 yrs. with an additional 2 yrs.
 - 23-40 yrs. with an additional 2-15 yrs.

- 3-6 yrs. with an additional 1yr, 6 mos. -6yrs.; 1 yr., 7 mos. – 5 yrs.
- 25 yrs.-37 yrs. and 6 mos.; 10-15 yrs.
- 2 yrs., 6mos.-20 yrs.; 1 yr., 6 mos.-15 yrs.; 1 yr., 6 mos.-10 yrs., 6 mos.
- LIFE; 3 yrs., 11 mos. - 7 yrs., 6 mos.; 3 yrs., 11 mos. - 7 yrs., 6 mos.; 2 yrs.
- 1 yr., 8mos. - 20 yrs.
- 1 yr., 2 mos.-5 yrs. (x2); 1 yr., 6 mos.-4 yrs.; 15 yrs.-30 yrs. (x2); 7 yrs.-20 yrs.; 1 yr., 6 mos. - 15 yrs.
- 4 yrs., 2 mos. - 10 yrs., 6 mos.; 2-3 yrs.; 3-6 yrs. (x2); 2 yrs., 4 mos. - 21 yrs. (x5)
- 3-5 yrs.; 24-50 yrs. (x2); 1 yr., 6mos. - 4 yrs.; 1 yr., 9 mos. - 50 yrs.
- 4-10 yrs.
- 12-25 yrs.
- 10-40 yrs.; 17-40 yrs.

- Admission Dates – 7/30/1996, 2/12/2009, 7/23/2010, 7/7/2011, 8/6/2012, 10/22/2012, 6/26/2013, 7/29/2013, 8/27/2013, 12/19/2013, 1/5/2014, 1/9/2014, 4/10/2014, 6/16/2014, 9/30/2014

(b) Each prisoner’s facility and unit:

ECF 1
 RMI I
 ARF 4
 WHV E
 ICF 2
 MRF 7
 MBP E
 RGC 1
 MPF 4
 WCC P3
 KCF E
 MRF 7
 MTU E
 RMI I
 RMI I

(c) Circumstances: Thirteen (13) of the suicides were completed by hanging, and the other two (2) through self-lacerations.

(d) The dates of the suicides:

Three (3) suicides were completed in January 2014, three (3) were completed in February 2014, four (4) were completed in April 2014, one (1) was completed in May 2014, one (1) was completed in June 2014, one (1) was completed in July, one (1) was completed in August 2014, and one (1) was completed in November 2014.

(e) Whether the suicide occurred in a housing unit, a segregation unit, a mental health unit, or elsewhere on the grounds of the facility:

- Seven (7) deaths occurred in general housing units, two (2) deaths occurred in segregation, five (5) deaths occurred in mental health RTP units and one (1) occurred in transit to an outside hospital.

- (f) Whether the prisoner had been denied parole and the date of any denial:
- Only one (1) of the fifteen prisoners that had completed suicide had been denied parole. That prisoner had received a 24-month continuance in December 2012.
- (g) Details on the department's responses to each suicide, including immediate on-site responses and subsequent internal investigations:
- In each of the fifteen (15) cases, emergency medical response was immediately initiated by custody staff upon discovery of prisoner and recognition of a suicide attempt. Health care staff at each facility were immediately notified and in each case responded to the emergency. Per protocol, local emergency medical services were also contacted and responded to the facility. Seven (7) of the cases were pronounced at an MDOC facility, while the other eight (8) were pronounced at an outside hospital facility.
 - Each case underwent mortality review at the Regional Health Care level and the Statewide Mortality Review committee.
- (h) A description of any monitoring and psychiatric interventions that had been undertaken prior to the prisoner's suicide, including any changes in placement or mental health care:
- Of the fifteen cases, twelve (12) cases were on a mental health program caseload. Eleven (11) of these prisoners were receiving psychotropic medications under the care of a psychiatrist or psychiatric nurse practitioner and therapy from a QMHP, one (1) was receiving counseling from a QMHP during transition out of outpatient services, one (1) was still in the initial evaluation stage as a new prison admission, and two (2) cases had been evaluated and determined to not meet criteria for the Corrections Mental Health Program.
- (i) Whether the prisoner had previously attempted suicide:
- Ten (10) of the fifteen (15) prisoners that completed suicide had a history of previous suicide attempts.