

**CDCR SECRETARY RALPH DIAZ ADMITS  
NO AUTHORITY TO CONFINE PRISONERS!**

Sacramento, CA. August 28, 2020. Governor Newsom today announced he has accepted the resignation of CDCR Secretary Ralph Diaz effective October 1, 2020. Prior to his resignation, Mr. Diaz authorized this statement for release on September 1, 2020:

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To all incarcerated people:

On June 26, 2020, Governor Newsom, acknowledging widespread government wrongdoing in criminal prosecutions, apologized and initiated sweeping prison reform. He gave direction to myself as Secretary of CDCR to commence processing for release, prisoners "for whom no True Bill of indictment initiating the case under which they are held may be found."

This action came as a result of illegal felony prosecutions by the District Attorneys in California's 58 counties and the Judges of the Superior Courts exercising a jurisdiction they do not have. CDCR is now reviewing inmate files and processing for release, the first cohort of 17,600 began in August.

I have just recently been made aware that because of the Court's malfeasance, it appears that the paperwork necessary for your transfer to, receipt and detention by CDCR, a written Judgment of Conviction, has not been created by the sentencing Judge and filed in the Court as required by law. Essentially, this means the Abstract of Judgment in CDCR's files, and upon which CDCR has relied for authority, is unsupported by a judgment.

In simple terms, CDCR is without authority to confine you any longer.

I have ordered that all inmate files be reviewed again to ascertain the facts in each case.

Please understand the logistics of the task we have undertaken to begin out-processing over 100,000 people takes a certain amount of time.

I am committed to expediting your release as soon as each case is reviewed and CDCR confirms no Judgment of Conviction exist. You will be notified of your anticipated release date as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2020.

Until your release, the money due each of you will continue to accrue at the per diem rate promised by the Governor, \$3,400 per day from July 4, 2020 until you are released.

While this will in no way make up for the years of impact to your lives and those of your loved ones, its the best we can do at the moment.

Let's recognize God's hand in this unprecedented release as an extension of His grace. He is giving us all a second chance for an abundant life, to go...and sin no more.

We can honor Him and get through this time of transition with understanding, patience and support.

With gratitude,  
Ralph Diaz, Secretary

During his two years in Office, Secretary Diaz has been vocal and un-apologetic about his Christian faith, values and the necessity for God in the process of a person's successful rehabilitation. His firm position that prison reform and reduction of prison population begins with the Courts' return to lawful prosecutions and judgments has, surprisingly, been aggressively criticized by prosecutors throughout the state. Mr. Diaz enjoys well researched and enthusiastic support for his views. See, "Under Cover of CORONA", "Held To Answer" and "Newsom, we have a problem...", June 11, 2020 letter to the Governor, "Immediate Release!" at [www.withoutoneplea.com](http://www.withoutoneplea.com).

September 1, 2020

#### VALIDATION and VERIFICATION

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The Secretary's statement is available for verification/validation at [www.withoutoneplea.com](http://www.withoutoneplea.com). (Click on "state", Breaking News!; see August 17, 2020 "You're the man! Papers, please.")

CDCR Secretary Ralph Diaz' authorization for publication of his statement is found in NOTICE OF INTENT TO PUBLISH portion of the letter (pages 13,14) and obtained through the settled legal principle of acquiescence by silence or inaction. (If he responds or acts in a timely manner, publication is unnecessary. If he fails to respond or act when he has the duty to do so, publication occurs.)

Governor Newsom may be reached for comment at 916 445-2841.