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CALIFORNIA'S GOVERNOR ORDERS MASS RELEASE OF PRISONERS!
AND IT AIN'T CORONA, SWEETHEART!

Sacramento, CA. In an unprecedented admission of government wrongdoing, Governor Gavin Newsom has ordered the immediate release of the majority of the state's prison population. The announcement was made in this statement by the Governor released **June 26, 2020:**

"People of the state of California. I have recently been made aware of the illegal confinement of the majority of all prisoners in California's prisons. This travesty of justice began long before I took office as your Governor, but will not continue any longer on my watch. The justice system as we know it is broken and must be fixed...and I am up to the task. The California Constitution requires lawful prosecution for felony crimes punishable by confinement in the state prison to be by means of indictment of a grand jury or, conditionally, by information. It appears, since at least 1951, almost all felonies in California have been prosecuted and persons confined in the state prison by neither an indictment nor a valid information.

"On behalf of a government dedicated and sworn to uphold both the federal and state Constitutions and afford due process of law to all who enter the exterior boundaries of California, I apologize to the people of this state, the United States and the watching and concerned World, for the illegal prosecutions and the unlawful confinement of persons in this state's prisons.

"I have instructed the Attorney General and State Auditor to expand the current investigation of every county's District Attorneys to now include defense attorneys and judges of the Superior Courts and to seek indictments of the involved public officials, officers of the law and officers of the court for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

"Today, I am ordering the Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to commence processing for unconditional release, all prisoners from the California state prisons for whom no True Bill of indictment initiating the case under which they are held may be found.

"Further, the California Victims Compensation Board provides a sum equivalent to \$140 per day of incarceration served for the pecuniary injury sustained by those persons through their erroneous conviction and imprisonment.

"In the interest of justice and abating and mitigating damages, for the benefit of any wrongly confined person not unconditionally discharged from the state prison by July 4, 2020, I agree, by Executive Order or otherwise, to increase the above sum of \$140 to \$1,400 per day and, for each and every day of continued deprivation of the liberty of any person so unlawfully confined, an additional and not less than, amount of \$2,000, per day."

The historical announcement follows six months of continuing investigations by the state's Attorney General and Auditor's Offices into the illegal prosecutions, prompted by a Whistle-blower Complaint, many letters to the Governor and citizens' complaints to every county Grand Jury. See, "Attorney General Complaint", "June 11, 2020 Demand For Release" and "Citizen Complaint, Sacramento County" at www.withoutoneplea.com. June 26, 2020.

VALIDATION and VERIFICATION

The June 11, 2020 letter to Governor Newsom, from which this press release "Immediate Release" on the opposite side of this page is made, was sent by U.S.P.S. Certified Mail No.: 7002 0510 0003 4495 3306 and received June 17, 2020 5:42 a.m.. The Governor's statement¹ is available for verification/validation and download at www.withoutoneplea.com. (Click on "state"; see, "June 11, 2020 Demand For Release".)

The Governor's agreement for publication of his statement as found in NOTICE OF INTENT TO PUBLISH portion of the letter (pages 7-8), is obtained through the settled legal principle of acquiescence by silence or inaction. (If he acts in a timely manner, publication is unnecessary. If he fails to act when he has the duty to do so, publication occurs.) If he still fails to act...what will we the People do? Ask him!
Governor Newsom may be reached for comment at 916 445-2841.

Date: August 10, 2020

G. Matteson, Warden
CSP Solano
2100 Peabody Road
Vacaville, CA 95696

Dear Warden Matteson:

The reverse side of this letter "Immediate Release!" states Governor Newsom, on June 26, 2020, ordered your boss, Ralph Diaz, Secretary of CDCR, to commence processing for release, prisoners who are incarcerated without being indicted. I have not been indicted. I have not been notified of my release date.

Demand: I hereby demand to be notified immediately of the date I will be released in order that the stress of uncertainty may be relieved and arrangements for return to my family may be made.

While I appreciate the \$1,400 dollars per day for each day of my illegal incarceration prior to the 4th of July, 2020, and the \$3,400 dollars per day accruing since the 4th of July until my release, I prefer to be home with my family; and therefore, I demand to be released as soon as possible.

Question: Will the money promised by the Governor for my illegal confinement as set forth above, be paid upon my release? If not, how soon following my release will it be paid?

Thank you for your expeditious response.

Signature:

Print Name and CDCR #: Lonnie G. Schmidt
CSP Solano Housing: 21-3-4L

Cc: Ralph Diaz, Secretary CDCR
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Gavin Newsom, Governor
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¹ Honoring his Oath and His Order: "Free those who are wrongly imprisoned." Isaiah 58:6 (NLT)