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In December, 1987, the House Select Committee on Sentencing and Recidivism held an organizational meeting. At that time, a study of revocations to TDC from adult probation was provided to the Committee. The Committee instructed the Texas Adult Probation Commission, the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Texas Department of Corrections to do a three year recidivism study on respective populations. The individual studies should be structured to have parallel information. A format was provided by Representative Granoff to be used in reporting data. Recidivism is defined as "incarceration in TDC". For probation, the definition applies to those probationers revoked to TDC from probation or subsequently rearrested and placed in TDC.

Staff of the TAPC met with staff of the BPP, TDC, Criminal Justice Policy Council and Sam Houston State University in developing the design for the study. TAPC selected a sample of persons in the Intensive Probation, Specialized Caseload and Restitution Center Programs for the study. The sample consisted of persons who were placed in the programs during the months of September, October and November for the years 1985, 1986 and 1987. TAPC then requested Computerized Criminal Histories from the Texas Department of Public Safety on all probationers in the sample who had not been revoked to TDC or died.

TAPC maintains a sample of regular probationers for purposes of describing the population. The information however had not been updated through collections of subsequent samples. Further it contained cases for the time period 1979 through 1985. It was determined through consultation with the Criminal Justice Center of Sam Houston State University and the Criminal Justice Policy Council research staff that the sample was not appropriate for the study. A new sample on regular probation will be collected within the next two months and data entered. At that time, the new sample and the census data collected in FY87 can be used in a recidivism study on regular probation.

The following tables show recidivism rates for the three special programs in the study according to age groups, type of offense and prior felony history.

Table I is read as follows: The 12 month data provide information on probationers who were placed in a Special Program in the first quarter of FY87. For persons in ISP in the 17-25

age range during that time period, 56 were revoked from ISP to TDC and 25 were arrested and sentenced to TDC after discharge

from ISP for a recidivism rate of 16%. Under TOTAL:New Offense, 95 persons, or 13%, from all three Special Programs were incarcerated in TDC for committing a new offense. It should be noted that all subsequent offenses are assumed to be at the felony level.

The 24 month data are for the FY86 group. The 36 month data are for the FY85 group.

Table II displays information on the rate of recidivism by offense. Again the 12 month data are for FY87, 24 month data for FY86 and the 36 month data for FY85. In FY87, 1, or 7% of those who were placed in ISP for the offense of homicide, was revoked to TDC. The numbers of persons placed in Specialized Caseloads for homicide was less than on ISP so when the rate was calculated for 1 person, it comprised 33% of the category.

Table III shows recidivism rates in terms of prior felony history. During FY87, 25 persons were revoked from ISP who had a prior felony history. Sixteen persons were incarcerated after discharge from the program. These two figures combined result in a recidivism rate of 13% of the persons with prior felony histories.

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Table I
RATE OF RECIDIVISM BY AGE

-----12 MONTHS#-----

AGE	ISP			SCP			RCP			TOTAL	
	REV #	AFTER DISCH #	RATE	REV #	AFTER DISCH #	RATE	REV #	AFTER DISCH #	RATE	NEW OFFENSE #	
17-25	56	25	16%	1	2	6%	17	37	27%	95	13%
26-35	35	25	12%	1	0	1%	2	13	17%	56	9%
36+	10	5	7%	4	2	8%	0	8	24%	23	7%
TOTAL	101	55	13%	6	4	5%	19	58	24%	174	10%

-----24 MONTHS#-----

AGE	ISP			SCP			RCP			TOTAL	
	REV #	AFTER DISCH #	RATE	REV #	AFTER DISCH #	RATE	REV #	AFTER DISCH #	RATE	NEW OFFENSE #	
17-25	59	28	21%	4	3	29%	19	31	43%	104	19%
26-35	36	18	13%	3	0	12%	7	18	29%	58	11%
36+	13	6	10%	1	1	10%	4	3	27%	15	7%
TOTAL	108	52	16%	8	4	17%	30	52	36%	177	14%

-----36 MONTHS#-----

AGE	ISP			SCP			RCP			TOTAL	
	REV #	AFTER DISCH #	RATE	REV #	AFTER DISCH #	RATE	REV #	AFTER DISCH #	RATE	NEW OFFENSE #	
17-25	39	34	25%	1	9	20%	5	2	21%	79	21%
26-35	36	35	18%	3	7	15%	0	2	6%	67	14%
36+	12	8	11%	2	2	7%	1	0	9%	19	8%
TOTAL	87	77	18%	6	18	14%	6	4	13%	165	14%

- 1) * Time is calculated from date placed on probation.
- 2) ISP = Intensive Supervision
SCP = Specialized Caseloads
RCP = Restitution Centers
- 3) Total=Revocations for new offenses. It is assumed all new offenses for which probationers were revoked to TDC were felonies.

Table II

RATE OF RECIDIVISM BY OFFENSE

-----12 MONTHS*-----

RANK	ISP		SCP		RCP		
	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE	
1	900 Homicide	1	7%	1	33%		
2	1100 Sexual Assault	2	5%				
3	1200 Robbery	8	17%			1	14%
4	1300 Assault	6	6%				
5	2200 Burglary	44	16%	3	11%	31	26%
6	2300 Theft	13	12%			10	19%
7	2400 Auto Theft	15	24%			17	38%
8	2500 Forgery	10	12%			7	21%
9	2600 Fraud	2	29%				
10	3500 Dang/Drugs	34	11%	1	7%	4	14%
11	3600 Sex Off.	2	7%				
12	5404 DWI	6	9%	3	18%		
	OTHER	8	11%	1	6%	7	21%

-----24 MONTHS*-----

RANK	ISP		SCP		RCP		
	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE	
1	1100 Sexual Assault	1	3%				
2	1200 Robbery	9	20%			1	20%
3	1300 Assault	13	14%				
4	2200 Burglary	57	23%	4	25%	42	55%
5	2300 Theft	20	21%	1	11%	19	44%
6	2400 Auto Theft	10	23%	2	33%	5	29%

7	2500 Forgery	15	24%		5	21%	
8	3500 Dang/Drugs	20	8%	2	33%	5	21%
9	3600 Sex Offense	4	12%				
10	5404 DWI	4	8%	2	17%		
	OTHER	7	11%	1	33%	5	29%

-----36 MONTHS*-----

RANK	ISP		SCP		RCP		
	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE	
1	900 Homicide	2	10%				
2	1100 Sexual Assault	3	11%	2	8%		
3	1200 Robbery	8	22%	1	11%		
4	1300 Assault	7	13%	2	11%		
5	2200 Burglary	40	19%	6	23%	6	23%
6	2300 Theft	15	14%	1	13%	4	14%
7	2400 Auto Theft	8	32%			1	10%
8	2500 Forgery	11	21%				
9	3500 Dang/Drugs	40	18%	3	16%		
11	3600 Sex Offense	1	4%	1	6%		
12	5404 DWI	3	8%	2	7%		
	OTHER	16	26%	6	5%		

- 1) * Time is calculated from the date placed on probation.
- 2) ISP = Intensive Supervision
 SCP = Specialized Caseloads
 RCP = Restitution Centers

Table III

RATE OF RECIDIVISM
BY PRIOR FELONY HISTORY

-----12 MONTHS*-----

HISTORY	ISP			SCP			RCP			TOTAL		
	#	Rate		#	Rate		#	Rate		#	Rate	
	After			After			After			After		
	Rev Disc			Rev Disc			Rev Disc			Rev Disc		
No Prior Felony	54	25	11%	4	3	4%	10	25	20%	68	53	11%
Prior Felony	25	16	13%	1	1	7%	5	17	22%	31	34	13%

-----24 MONTHS*-----

HISTORY	ISP			SCP			RCP			TOTAL		
	#	Rate		#	Rate		#	Rate		#	Rate	
	After			After			After			After		
	Rev Disc			Rev Disc			Rev Disc			Rev Disc		
No Prior Felony	42	31	13%	7	4	20%	10	25	31%	59	60	16%
Prior Felony	49	14	19%	1	0	10%	8	6	35%	58	21	20%

-----36 MONTHS*-----

HISTORY	ISP			SCP			RCP			TOTAL		
	#	Rate		#	Rate		#	Rate		#	Rate	
	After			After			After			After		
	Rev Disc			Rev Disc			Rev Disc			Rev Disc		
No Prior Felony	50	43	18%	5	12	14%	1	2	10%	56	57	17%
Prior Felony	33	27	21%	1	2	9%	3	1	17%	37	30	20%

- 1) *Time is calculated from the date placed on probation.
- 2) ISP = Intensive Supervision Probation
 SCP = Specialized Caseload Probation
 RCP = Restitution Centers
 Total = Overall percent revoked to TDC