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## **PREFACE**

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## **REPORT OF FELON ESCAPES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

The data compiled in this statistical report of escapes occurring in fiscal year 1978 were extracted from the felon files maintained by the Department of Corrections, Division of Institutional Services, Classification and Records Unit. Statistics are not tabulated for felons whose escape charges were dismissed or not-prossed in court.

### **NUMBER OF ESCAPES:**

There were eighty felon escapes from the Virginia Correctional System during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978. This was a decrease of 14.9 percent from the 94 escapes which occurred in the previous fiscal year. The average number of escapes per year during the past ten years is 238.

### **RACE AND SEX:**

Of the escapees, 51 or 63.7 percent were white males and 25 or 31.3 percent were non-white males. Among the females there were two white women (2.5 percent) and two non-white women (2.5 percent) who escaped during the fiscal year. This compares to the total felon population on June 30, 1978 of 57.9 percent white males, 58.9 percent non-white males, 1.1 percent white females and 2.1 percent non-white females. The proportion of white males to total escapees increased slightly from 60.7 percent in fiscal 1977 to 63.7 percent in fiscal 1978.

### **MONTH ESCAPED, TIME OF DAY ESCAPED AND ASSIGNMENT:**

The largest number of escapes during the fiscal year occurred during the month of June. This reverses the trend for the past six fiscal years when the month of August accounted for the largest number of escapes. The months of June through August accounted for 45.0 percent of all escapes in fiscal 1978. As in fiscal 1977, more than half of the escapes again occurred between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (44 escapes or 55.0 percent). The largest number of escapes (23 or 28.7 percent) occurred while inmates were working on the highway. Escapes from correctional field units or major institutions, which had represented the largest number of escapes in fiscal 1977, was a close second this year, accounting for 21 escapes or 26.3 percent. Escapes committed by prisoners on furlough accounted for only two escapes or 2.5 percent of all escapes. This represents a significant decrease since fiscal year 1974 when prisoners on furlough accounted for 23.4 percent of all escapes.

### **PAROLE STATUS:**

Over forty percent of all escapees (33 or 41.3 percent) were not yet eligible for parole at the time of the escape. Thirty-nine escapees (48.7 percent) had been denied parole prior to their escape, of which 22 or 27.5 percent had been denied three or more months prior to the escapes. Only two or 2.5 percent were parole violators.

**LENGTH OF SENTENCE:**

During fiscal year 1978, the largest number of escapees were serving sentences of between six and ten years, accounting for 21 escapes or 26.2 percent of all escapes. The above once again renews the trend started in fiscal 1975 when the most frequent escapees were serving sentences between six and ten years. Twenty years or more was the most frequent sentence being served by escapees in fiscal 1977. Escapees with sentences between six and fifteen years accounted for a total of 38 escapes or 47.5 percent of all escapes in fiscal 1978. In the total felon population, 1,312 felons or 17.6 percent were serving sentences between six and ten years, while 2,540 or 34.1 percent were serving sentences between six and fifteen years.

**TIME SERVED PRIOR TO ESCAPE:**

Of the escapes, 41.3 percent occurred between the first and second years of confinement and 82.5 percent occurred within the first three years of confinement.

**TIME LEFT TO SERVE AT TIME OF ESCAPE:**

At the time of escape, fifty or 62.5 percent of the escapees had less than four years remaining to serve. Of these, 39 or 48.8 percent had less than three years to serve and 28 or 35.0 percent had less than two years to serve. Twelve escapees or 15.0 percent had detainers or were to be tried for other offenses.

**AGE OF ESCAPEES:**

As in fiscal 1977, this year the largest proportion of all escapes, 31 or 38.8 percent, occurred in the age group between twenty and 24 years. Fifty-eight escapees or 72.5 percent were under the age of thirty. There was only one escapee who was fifty years of age or older.

**PREVIOUS RECORD:**

Prior felony or misdemeanor sentences had been served by 34 escapees or 42.5 percent. An additional twenty felon escapees had an adult record but had not previously served a felon or misdemeanor sentence in a state correctional institution. Escapees with a juvenile record comprised 65.0 percent of the total, while only 15.0 percent had no prior record of any kind. Comparison to the total felon population shows that 2,533 felons or 34.0 percent had served prior felony sentences. Among the felon population, 737 felons or 9.9 percent had served prior misdemeanor sentences but had no prior felony records, and 4,000 felons or 53.6 percent had juvenile records.

**PRIOR ESCAPES:**

Escapees with a history of one or more escapes numbered nineteen or 23.8 percent of all escapes. Two escapees had a history of two prior escapes, while only one escapee had a prior history of four escapes.

**OFFENSE:**

At the time of escape, 46 escapees or 57.5 percent were serving sentences for offenses against property, while thirty escapees or 37.5 percent were serving sentences for offenses against persons. The most frequent offense category among the total felon population on June 30, 1978 was offenses against persons, representing 55.5 percent of the total felon population.

**MARITAL STATUS:**

Among the felon escapees, 47 or 58.8 percent were single and twenty or 25.0 percent were married. This compares with the total felon population on June 30, 1978 in which 59.5 percent were single and 21.5 percent were married.

**MILITARY SERVICE AND AWOL RECORDS:**

Of the 23 escapees who had military service, 47.8 percent had a history of being AWOL one or more times.

**CUSTODY STATUS:**

More than half, 45 or 56.2 percent, of the total escapes were committed by inmates in under gun status.

**EDUCATION AND INTELLIGENCE:**

Educational level of fifth grade or higher was reported for 57 escapees or 81.4 percent of the seventy escapees who had been tested. An I.Q. of ninety (normal) or above was reported for 78.5 percent of the 79 escapees who were tested. In comparison, 74.1 percent of the total felon population on June 30, 1978 who had been tested were fifth grade level or higher and 66.8 percent tested an I.Q. of ninety (normal) or above.

**INSTITUTION:**

Inmates assigned to the correctional field units at the time of their escape accounted for 44 or 55.0 percent of all felon escapes. In comparing the total felon population to the correctional field units population we find that on June 30, 1978, 30.5 percent of the felon population was assigned to field units. Among the major institutions, the State Farm (Powhatan Correctional Center and James River Correctional Center) experienced the largest number of escapes, with ten.

**TIME ESCAPEE REMAINED FREE:**

Within 24 hours, 37 or 46.3 percent of the escapees were captured or surrendered. Within 29 days, an additional fifteen inmates or 18.8 percent were taken back into custody, resulting in 52 inmates or 65.0 percent being captured or surrendering within thirty days. On June 30, 1978, twenty escapees or 25.0 percent remained at large.

#### **CRIMES COMMITTED WHILE AT LARGE:**

Only seven or 8.8 percent of all escapees committed crimes while at large. Robbery (armed and unspecified) and Auto Theft were the most prevalent crimes committed, accounting for three and two crimes respectively.

#### **STATUS OF PARENTS:**

The parents of 21 or 26.2 percent of the escapees were married or living together. Twenty-five escapees or 31.3 percent came from homes where the parents were either divorced or separated, while 21 escapees or 26.2 percent came from homes where one parent had died. *It should be noted that all of these categories reflect parental status at the time the escapee was originally committed and not the status at the time of the escape.*

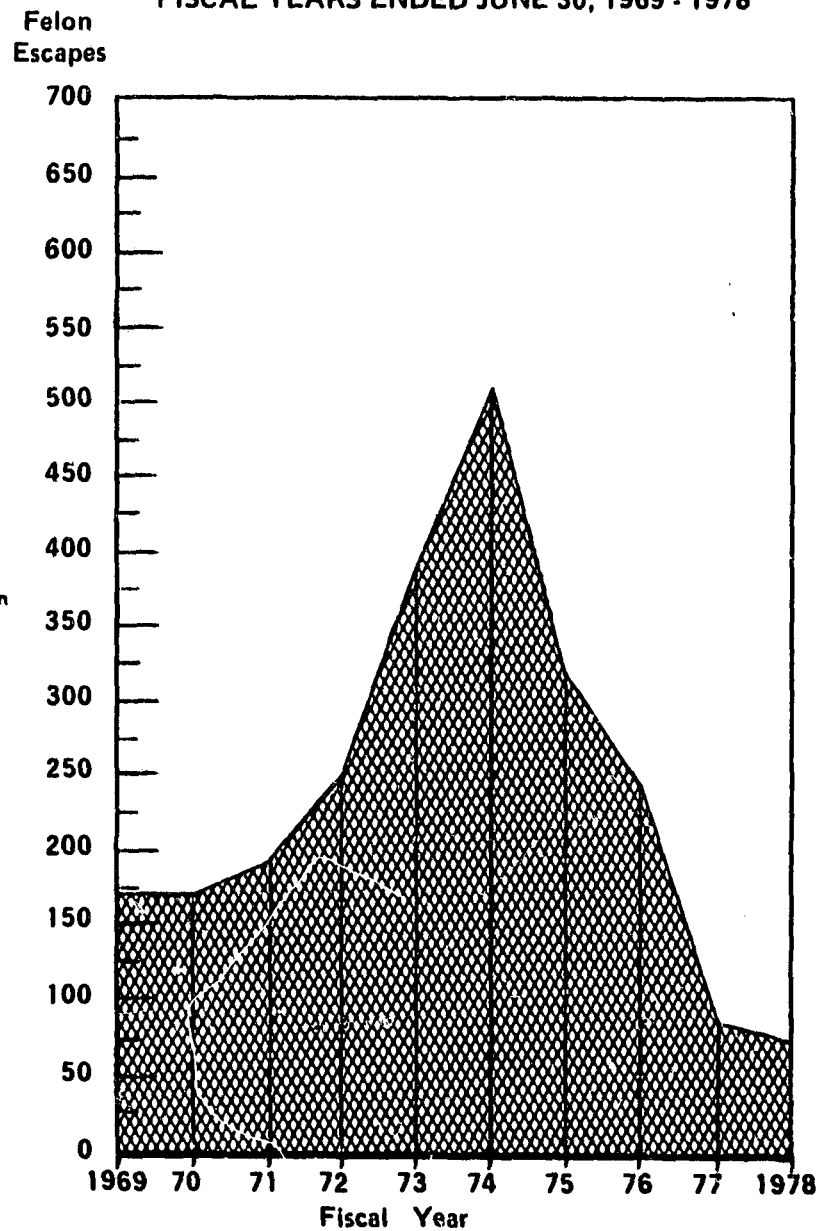
#### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

There were 44 escapees or 55.0 percent who had a history of liquor habits and drug use. Ten escapees or 12.5 percent were heavy drinkers who did not use drugs. There were fifteen escapees or 18.8 percent who had been addicted to drugs. Sixty-five escapees (81.3 percent) had some history of drug use.

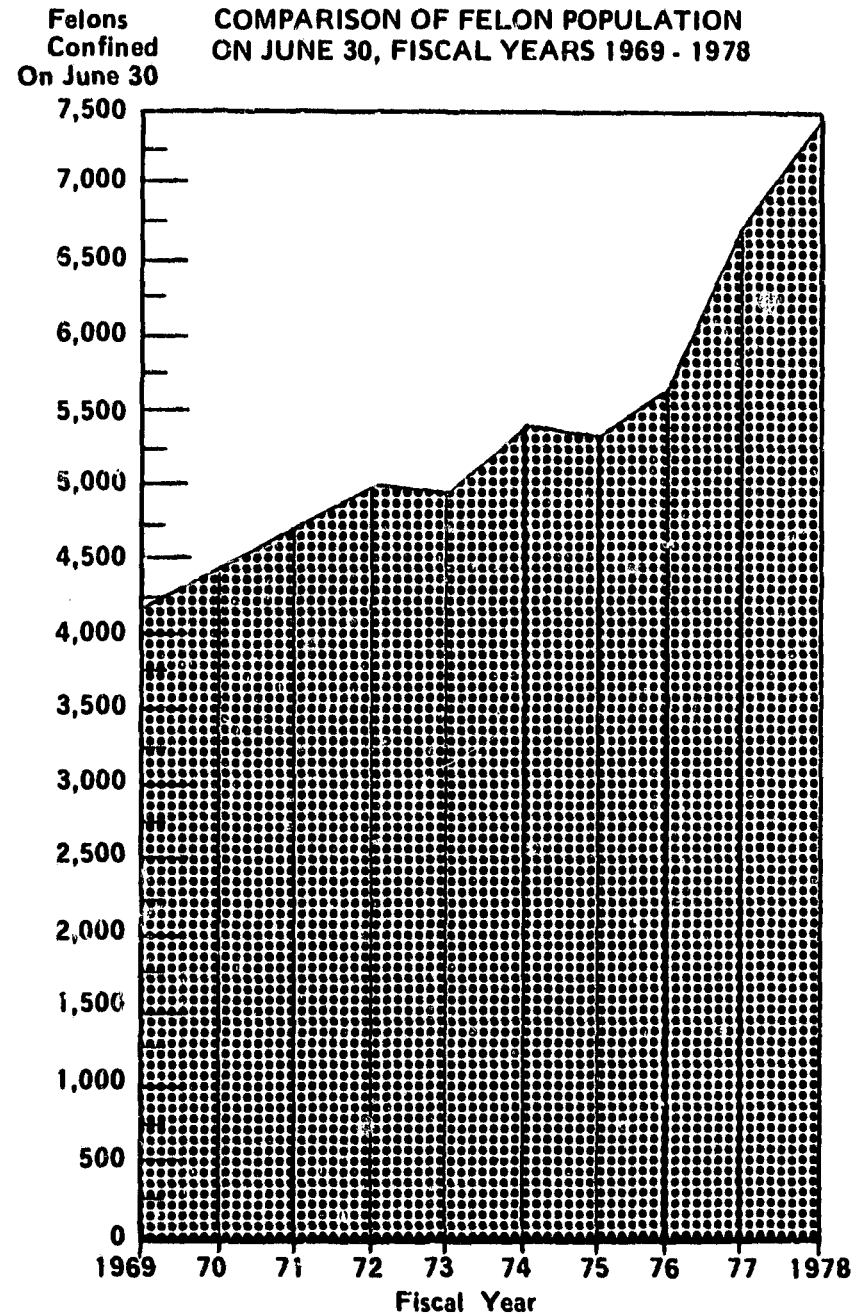
#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

Prior to confinement for their felony offense, thirty escapees or 37.5 percent had been steady workers, whereas 29 escapees or 36.3 percent had only worked intermittently (less than six months employment in the twelve months prior to arrest). Fifteen escapees or 18.7 percent were nomadic in their work habits, but usually steadily employed (four jobs or more in the twelve months prior to arrest). It is significant to note that the number of escapees who were steady workers prior to the felon confinement, decreased sharply from 75.5 percent in fiscal 1977 to 37.5 percent in fiscal 1978, a 38.0 percentage point decrease from fiscal 1977. It should also be noted that in comparing fiscal 1978 to fiscal 1976 there was a 10.7 percentage point decrease from the 48.2 percent of escapees who were steady workers prior to their confinement in fiscal 1976, to 37.5 percent in fiscal 1978.

GRAPH I  
COMPARISON OF FELON ESCAPES  
DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS  
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1969 - 1978



GRAPH II  
COMPARISON OF FELON POPULATION  
ON JUNE 30, FISCAL YEARS 1969 - 1978



**TABLE I**  
**NUMBER OF ESCAPES ACCORDING TO RACE AND SEX**  
**COMPARED WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1978**

RACE AND SEX	Escapees, Year Ended June 30, 1978		Total Felon Population June 30, 1978		Escapees, Year Ended June 30, 1977	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,459</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White Males	51	63.7	2,824	37.9	57	60.7
White Females	2	2.5	85	1.1	2	2.1
Non-White Males	25	31.3	4,391	58.9	32	34.0
Non-White Females	2	2.5	159	2.1	3	3.2

**TABLE II**  
**COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF ESCAPES**  
**DURING PAST TEN YEARS**

Year Ended June 30	Number of Escapes
1969	168
1970	165
1971	191
1972	250
1973	372
1974	513
1975	305
1976	247
1977	94
1978	80
Average Number Per Year	238

**TABLE III**  
**TIME LEFT TO SERVE AT TIME OF ESCAPE AND TIME SERVED PRIOR TO ESCAPE**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

TIME SERVED PRIOR TO ESCAPE	TIME LEFT TO SERVE AT TIME OF ESCAPE										
	Total	Less Than 1 Yr.	1 Yr.	2 Yrs.	3 Yrs.	4 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	6-9 Yrs.	10-14 Yrs.	15 Yrs. and over	Life
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>
Less than 1 yr.	12	4	2	2	1	—	—	2	1	—	—
1 yr. - less than 2 yrs.	33	7	6	6	4	—	2	5	3	—	—
2 yrs. - less than 3 yrs.	21	2	6	2	4	2	2	2	—	1	—
3 yrs. - less than 4 yrs.	4	1	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
4 yrs. - less than 5 yrs.	3	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
5 yrs. - less than 6 yrs.	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—
6 yrs. - less than 10 yrs.	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
10 yrs. and over	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—

TABLE IV  
NUMBER OF ESCAPES BY MONTH OF ESCAPE

Month of Escape	Year Ended June 30, 1978		Year Ended June 30, 1977	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	80	100.0	94	100.0
JULY	12	15.0	11	11.7
AUGUST	11	13.7	20	21.3
SEPTEMBER	9	11.2	9	9.6
OCTOBER	5	6.3	7	7.4
NOVEMBER	1	1.3	2	2.1
DECEMBER	4	5.0	6	6.4
JANUARY	4	5.0	2	2.1
FEBRUARY	0	0.0	6	6.4
MARCH	9	11.2	4	4.3
APRIL	4	5.0	9	9.6
MAY	8	10.0	5	5.3
JUNE	13	16.3	13	13.8

TABLE V  
TIME OF DAY PRISONER ESCAPED

Time of Day Prisoner Escaped	Year Ended June 30, 1978		Year Ended June 30, 1977	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	80	100.0	94	100.0
9:00 p.m. — 12:59 a.m.	10	12.5	7	7.4
1:00 a.m. — 4:59 a.m.	4	5.0	3	3.2
5:00 a.m. — 8:59 a.m.	10	12.5	5	5.3
9:00 a.m. — 12:59 p.m.	13	16.3	25	26.6
1:00 p.m. — 4:59 p.m.	31	38.8	39	41.5
5:00 p.m. — 8:59 p.m.	10	12.5	15	16.0
Unknown	1	1.2	—	—
Not applicable - Work Release or Furlough	1	1.2	—	—

**TABLE VI**  
**LENGTH OF SENTENCE OF ESCAPEES**  
**AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1978**

LENGTH OF SENTENCE	ESCAPEES		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,459</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Under 2 years	2	2.5	83	1.1
2 years - less than 3 years	5	6.3	244	3.3
3 years - less than 4 years	6	7.5	381	5.1
4 years - less than 5 years	5	6.3	496	6.7
5 years - less than 6 years	8	10.0	741	9.9
6 years - less than 10 years	21	26.2	1,312	17.6
10 years - less than 15 years	17	21.2	1,228	16.5
15 years - less than 20 years	7	8.7	673	9.0
20 years or over	9	11.3	1,866	25.0
Life	0	0.0	435	5.8

**TABLE VII**  
**AGE OF ESCAPEES AS COMPARED**  
**WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1978**

AGES	ESCAPEES*		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,459</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Under 20 years	9	11.3	510	6.8
20 - 24	31	38.8	2,372	31.8
25 - 29	18	22.5	1,935	25.9
30 - 34	8	10.0	1,128	15.1
35 - 39	8	10.0	593	8.0
40 - 44	4	5.0	362	4.9
45 - 49	1	1.2	228	3.1
50 and over	1	1.2	331	4.4
*Age at time of escape.				

**TABLE VIII**  
**TYPES OF OFFENSES OF ESCAPEES**  
**AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1978**

Offense Groups	ESCAPEES		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,459</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Offenses Against Persons	30	37.5	4,140	55.5
Offenses Against Property	46	57.5	2,497	33.5
Offenses Against Decency, Peace and Good Order	—	—	112	1.5
Offenses Against Public Justice	—	—	13	0.2
Violation of Traffic and Vehicle Laws	—	—	93	1.2
Offenses Against Public Policy, Economy and Health	4	5.0	604	8.1

**TABLE IX**  
**MARITAL STATUS OF ESCAPEES**  
**AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1978**

Marital Status	ESCAPEES		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,459</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>59.5</b>
<b>MARRIED</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>21.5</b>
<b>SEPARATED</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>8.8</b>
<b>WIDOWED</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>DIVORCED</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>

**TABLE X**  
**ASSIGNMENT AT TIME OF ESCAPE, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
In correctional unit or institution	21	26.3
Working on highway	23	28.7
Working on farm	10	12.5
Riding to or from work	2	2.5
On work release or study release	7	8.7
On furlough	2	2.5
On job inside correctional unit or institution	12	15.0
Other	3	3.8

**TABLE XI**  
**PAROLE STATUS AT TIME OF ESCAPE, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Not yet eligible	33	41.3
Returned for violation of parole within 3 months of escape	0	0.0
Returned for violation of parole more than 3 months before escape	2	2.5
Heard by board, decision pending; or approved by board, parole plan pending	3	3.8
Eligible, not yet heard	0	0.0
Parole denied		
Less than 30 days before escape	9	11.2
1 month, but less than 3 months before escape	8	10.0
3 months or more before escape	22	27.5
Parole deferred	1	1.2
Not interested in parole	2	2.5

**TABLE XII**  
**MILITARY SERVICE AND AWOL RECORD OF ESCAPEES**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

MILITARY RECORD	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No Military Service	57	71.3
Military Service		
Record of AWOL	11	47.8
No Record of AWOL	12	52.2

**TABLE XIII**  
**ESCAPEES' SUBSTANCE ABUSE, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Heavy drinker - no drug use known	10	12.5
Occasional drinker - no drug use known	4	5.0
History of using drugs - no liquor habits known	4	5.0
Drug user - no liquor habits known	2	2.5
History of using liquor and drugs	44	55.0
History of being drug addict and of using liquor	15	18.8
No record of drugs or liquor	1	1.2

**TABLE XIV**  
**ESCAPEES' EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Steady Worker	30	37.5
Worked intermittently (less than 6 months employment in 12 months prior to arrest)	29	36.3
Nomadic in work habits, but usually steadily employed (4 jobs or more in 12 months prior to arrest)	15	18.7
Only held odd jobs - no real record	5	6.3
No employment history	1	1.2

**TABLE XV**  
**DAY OF WEEK ESCAPED, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
SUNDAY	12	15.0
MONDAY	16	20.0
TUESDAY	12	15.0
WEDNESDAY	12	15.0
THURSDAY	5	6.3
FRIDAY	19	23.7
SATURDAY	4	5.0

**TABLE XVI**  
**STATUS OF PARENTS OF ESCAPEES\*, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Living together	21	26.2
Separated	6	7.5
Divorced	19	23.8
Not married	8	10.0
One parent dead	21	26.2
Both parents dead	2	2.5
Unknown	3	3.8

\*Reflects parental status at time of commitment.

**TABLE XVII**  
**JUVENILE RECORD OF ESCAPEES, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No juvenile record	28	35.0
Yes, other than State Ward	19	23.7
State Ward, Training School	25	31.3
State Ward, Training School and Foster Home	7	8.8
State Ward, other	1	1.2

**TABLE XVIII**  
**NUMBER OF YEARS UNDER VIRGINIA STATE CARE AS JUVENILE\***  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
None	47	58.8
1 year	13	16.4
2 years	8	10.0
3 years	7	8.8
4 years	1	1.2
5 years	1	1.2
6 years	1	1.2
7 years	1	1.2
9 or more years	1	1.2

\*Includes State Ward, Training School, Foster Home.

**TABLE XIX**  
**ESCAPEES' PRIOR VIRGINIA FELONY SENTENCES SERVED\***  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
None	58	72.5
One	11	13.7
Two	9	11.3
Three	2	2.5

\*Prior to commitment.

**TABLE XX**  
**TYPES OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY ESCAPEES WHILE AT LARGE**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No crimes committed	53	66.2
Offenses Against Persons	4	5.0
Armed Robbery	1	
Other Robbery	2	
Felonious Assault	1	
Offenses Against Property	3	3.8
Grand Larceny	1	
Auto Theft	2	
Use of Auto without Authority of Owner	—	
Unknown	20	25.0

**TABLE XXI**  
**HAD DETAINER, WAS TO BE TRIED FOR ADDITIONAL OFFENSE(S)**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Had detainer or was to be tried on other offenses	12	15.0
No detainer	68	85.0

**TABLE XXII**  
**TIME ESCAPEE REMAINED AT LARGE, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Less than 1 hour	11	13.7
1 hour but less than 3 hours	6	7.5
3 hours but less than 6 hours	8	10.0
6 hours but less than 12 hours	4	5.0
12 hours but less than 24 hours	8	10.0
1 day (24 hours) but less than 2 days	4	5.0
2 days but less than 10 days	4	5.0
10 days but less than 30 days	7	8.8
1 month but less than 6 months	6	7.5
6 months or more	2	2.5
At large on June 30, 1978	20	25.0

**TABLE XXIII**  
**ESCAPEES RECAPTURED, RETURNED VOLUNTARILY  
OR STILL AT LARGE, AS OF JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Recaptured	53	66.3
Voluntarily Returned	6	7.5
At large	20	25.0
Recaptured - serving sentence in other state	1	1.2
Recaptured in other state, not yet returned to Virginia	0	0.0

**TABLE XXIV**  
**NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES OF ESCAPEES COMMITTING CRIMES  
WHILE AT LARGE, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Committed crime on escape	7	8.8
No crime committed on escape	53	66.2
Unknown	20	25.0

**TABLE XXV  
ESCAPEES' PRIOR SENTENCES TO  
STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, FOR MISDEMEANORS\*  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
None	68	85.0
1	10	12.6
2	1	1.2
3	1	1.2

\*Prior to current commitment.

**TABLE XXVI  
ESCAPEES' PRIOR MISDEMEANANT CONVICTIONS\*  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
None	31	38.8
1	27	33.8
2	11	13.7
3	4	5.0
4	3	3.8
5	—	—
6	1	1.2
7	—	—
8	1	1.2
9 or more	2	2.5

\*Prior to current felony conviction.

**TABLE XXVII  
ESCAPEES' PRIOR OUT-OF-STATE FELONY  
SENTENCES SERVED\*, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
None	65	81.3
1	13	16.3
2	1	1.2
3	1	1.2

\*Prior to current commitment.

**TABLE XXVIII  
PRIOR ESCAPE RECORD**

Number of Prior Escapes	Year Ended June 30, 1978		Year Ended June 30, 1977	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No prior escapes	61	76.3	66	70.2
1 prior escape	16	20.0	15	16.0
2 prior escapes	2	2.5	7	7.4
3 prior escapes	0	0.0	4	4.3
4 prior escapes	1	1.2	2	2.1

**TABLE XXIX  
CLASSIFICATION OF ESCAPEES AS TO CUSTODY STATUS**

Type of Supervision	Year Ended June 30, 1978		Year Ended June 30, 1977	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Trusty	35	43.8	40	42.5
Under Gun	45	56.2	54	57.5

**TABLE XXX  
INTELLIGENCE OF ESCAPEES AS COMPARED WITH  
TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1978**

Intelligence	ESCAPEES		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,459</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Severely Retarded (I.Q. 43 - 59)	0	0.0	70	1.0
Moderately Retarded (I.Q. 60 - 69)	1	1.2	260	3.5
Borderline (I.Q. 70 - 79)	5	6.3	758	10.2
Dull Normal (I.Q. 80 - 89)	11	13.8	1,307	17.5
Normal (I.Q. 90 - 109)	50	62.5	3,537	47.4
Bright Normal (I.Q. 110 - 119)	10	12.5	1,031	13.8
Superior (I.Q. 120 - 128)	2	2.5	255	3.4
No Test	1	1.2	241	3.2

**TABLE XXXI**  
**EDUCATION LEVEL OF ESCAPEES, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

EDUCATION	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Beginner (Illiterate - 4.9)	13	16.2
Intermediate (5.0 - 8.9)	50	62.5
Advanced (9.0 - 11.9)	7	8.8
High School and Above	0	0.0
Unknown - No Test	10	12.5

**TABLE XXXII**  
**PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD OF ESCAPEES**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD	TOTAL
Juvenile Record <sup>1</sup>	52
Adult Record, but no State Correctional Institution Sentence <sup>2</sup>	20
Served Prior State Correctional Institution Sentence <sup>3</sup>	38
No Previous Record	12
<sup>1</sup> Includes Training School, Foster Home, State Ward and other than State Ward. <sup>2</sup> Jail and Misdemeanor convictions. <sup>3</sup> Includes Virginia and out-of-state sentences.	

**TABLE XXXIII**  
**INSTITUTION ESCAPED FROM AND PERCENTAGE**  
**OF TOTAL ESCAPES, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

INSTITUTION	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Penitentiary	1	1.2
State Farm - James River		
Correctional Center and Powhatan		
Correctional Center	10	12.5
Southampton Correctional Center	6	7.5
Va. Correctional Center for Women	4	5.0
Pre/Work Release Center	8	10.0
Correctional Field Units	44	55.0
Central State Hospital	1	1.2
Unknown	3	3.8
Bland Correctional Center	3	3.8

# BREAKDOWN OF ESCAPES FROM CORRECTIONAL FIELD UNITS BY UNIT

Unit Number	Unit Location	Number of Escapes
1	Pulaski	1
2	Caroline	2
3	Nansemond	—
4	Baskerville	3
5	Floyd	—
6	Woodbridge	2
7	White Post	1
8	Harrisonburg	—
9	Rustburg	5
10	Augusta	3
11	Culpeper	—
12	Fluvanna	—
13	Pocahontas	4
15	Chatham	1
16	New Kent	—
17	Haynesville	3
18	Wise	4
20	Capron	—
21	Stafford	4
22	Tidewater	—
23	Halifax	—
24	Smith Mt. Lake	—
25	Botetourt	3
26	Haymarket	3
27	Dinwiddie	1
28	Patrick Henry	1
29	Buchanan	—
30	Northern Va.	3
31	Tazewell	—
TOTAL .....		44

**TABLE XXXIV**  
**EMPLOYMENT SKILL OF ESCAPEES\*, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978**

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Attendant, Hospital	1	1.3
Attendant, Service Station	2	2.5
Baker	1	1.3
Bartender, Waiter, Waitress	3	3.8
Bricklayer's Apprentice	1	1.3
Busboy	1	1.3
Business Owner, Operator, Manager	1	1.3
Carpenter	2	2.5
Cement Worker	1	1.2
Commercial Cook	1	1.2
Electronics Technician	1	1.2
Factory Worker	1	1.2
Farmhand	2	2.5
Heavy Equipment Operator	1	1.2
Janitor	3	3.8
Laborer	22	27.5
Landscaper	1	1.3
Masseuse	1	1.3
Mechanic, Auto	2	2.5
Mechanic, Unspecified	2	2.5
Miner	1	1.2
Painter	3	3.8
Printer, Pressman	2	2.5
Roofer	2	2.5
Sales Clerk	1	1.2
Salesperson	1	1.2
Sawmill Worker	1	1.2
Sheetmetal Worker	1	1.2
Shipping Clerk	2	2.5
Truck Driver	10	12.5
Unemployed	2	2.5
Welder	4	5.0

\*Reflects employment skill at time of commitment.

**APPENDIX I**  
**EXPLANATION OF DATA SOURCE**

*The data used to produce this report were extracted from felon inmate files located in the Division of Institutional Services under the File Maintenance Section of the Classification and Records Unit. Each individual escapee's record was examined and the necessary information retrieved. For coding purposes, the number of escapes used in this report represents those reported to the Research and Reporting Unit by the Classification and Records Unit. This report does not cover those escapes which were given a nolle prosequi disposition at court.*



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