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FROM: Ronald R. Vail, Coordinator, Research and Statistics

RE:  An Analysis of Time Served by Sentence Length for the  
Indiana State Prison.

You will find attached copies of five recently conducted studies of time served by sentence length at the Indiana State Prison. These studies are of the following sentences; (1) Life, (2) 2-10 years, (3) 1-10 years, (4) 2-5 years, and (5) 1-5 years.

At the present time the Research Division is conducting a similar project for those inmates receiving parole authorization from the Indiana Reformatory. This series of studies will be completed in the near future. Similar studies are planned for those inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana Youth Center and the Indiana Women's Prison. It is anticipated these studies will be completed within the next few weeks.

The present studies were conducted with the assistance of Miss Florence Muli, graduate student from Indiana State University, and Mr. James Hague, Indiana Parole Board Assistant.

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AN ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL TIME SERVED IN THE  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION BY INMATES  
WITH A LIFE SENTENCE

-INDIANA STATE PRISON-

The primary goal of this study was to determine the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates at the Indiana State Prison who had a Life sentence and who received parole authorization.

There were twenty-five (25) inmates with a life sentence authorized for parole from the Indiana State Prison from January, 1975, through October, 1975. All twenty-five (25) inmates served as subjects in this study. The data for the study was obtained from the "minutes" of the Indiana Parole Board and from the Central Office packets of the subjects. The following information was collected; (1) the inmate's file number, (2) the inmate's month and year of admission into the Indiana Department of Correction, (3) the month and year the inmate was authorized for parole, (4) the inmate's ethnic group, and (5) the most serious committing offense of the inmate.

This information was analyzed to determine; (1) the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana State Prison who had a Life sentence, (2) the range of time served by all subjects in this study, (3) the ethnic breakdown of the subjects in this study, (4) the average (mean) length of time served by the White inmates in this study, (5) the range of time served by the White inmates in this study, (6) the average (mean) length of time served by the Black inmates in this study, and (7) the range of time served by the Black inmates in this study.

In this study (Life sentence) the following results were obtained:

Average Length of Time Served by All Subjects

19 years, 8.8 months  
(standard deviation of 8 years, 2.99 months)

Range of Time Served by All Subjects

Shortest - 1 year and 2 months  
Longest - 35 years and no months

Ethnic Breakdown of Subjects

White = 68%  
Black = 32%

Average Length of Time Served by White Subjects

21 years and 3.9 months  
(standard deviation of 8 years and 9.6 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

Shortest - 1 year and 2 months  
Longest - 35 years and no months

Average Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

16 years and 4.4 months  
(standard deviation of 6 years and 1.4 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

Shortest - 10 years and 5 months  
Longest - 26 years and 5 months

Appendix A contains a listing of the data collected (minus inmate file number) for this study.

## APPENDIX A

INDIANA STATE PRISON  
LIFE SENTENCE

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
May, 1965	October, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Murder
April, 1952	October, 1975	White	1st Degree Murder
May, 1956	August, 1975	White	Robbery (Physical Injury Inflicted)
April, 1974	June, 1975	White	Murder
June, 1963	August, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Murder
November, 1956	October, 1975	White	2nd Degree Murder
October, 1941	August, 1975	White	1st Degree Murder
January, 1942	June, 1975	White	Rape
July, 1964	May, 1975	White	2nd Degree Murder
March, 1964	April, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Murder
April, 1961	August, 1975	White	2nd Degree Murder
March, 1956	April, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Murder
September, 1947	April, 1975	White	2nd Degree Murder
May, 1946	April, 1975	White	2nd Degree Murder
April, 1940	April, 1975	White	1st Degree Murder
December, 1950	January, 1975	Black	1st Degree Murder
August, 1948	January, 1975	Black	Kidnapping
May, 1952	May, 1975	White	1st Degree Murder
March, 1954	May, 1975	White	1st Degree Murder
May, 1956	May, 1975	White	1st Degree Murder
June, 1961	May, 1975	Black	1st Degree Murder

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
August, 1961	May, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Murder
April, 1956	June, 1975	White	2nd Degree Murder
October, 1961	September, 1975	White	2nd Degree Murder
May, 1955	January, 1975	White	1st Degree Murder

AN ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL TIME SERVED IN THE  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION BY INMATES  
WITH A SENTENCE LENGTH OF 2-10 YEARS

- INDIANA STATE PRISON -

The primary goal of this study was to determine the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates at the Indiana State Prison who had a sentence length of 2-10 years and who had received parole authorization.

There were eight (8) inmates with a singular sentence of 2-10 years authorized for parole from the Indiana State Prison from January, 1975, through October, 1975. All eight inmates served as subjects in this study. The data for the study was obtained from the "minutes" of the Indiana Parole Board and from the Central Office packets of the subjects. The following information was collected; (1) the inmate's file number, (2) the inmate's month and year of admission into the Indiana Department of Correction, (3) the month and year the inmate was authorized for parole, (4) the inmate's ethnic group, and (5) the most serious committing offense of the inmate.

This information was analyzed to determine; (1) the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana State Prison who had a sentence length of 2-10 years, (2) the range of time served by all subjects in this study, (3) the ethnic breakdown of the subjects in this study, (4) the average (mean) length of time served by the White inmates in this study, (5) the range of time served by the White inmates in this study, (6) the average (mean) length of time served by the Black inmates in this study, and (7) the range of time served by the Black inmates in this study.

In this study (sentence length of 2-10 years) the following results were obtained:

Average Length of Time Served by All Subjects

1 year and 3.5 months  
(standard deviation of 5.7 months)

Range of Time Served by All Subjects

Shortest - 9 months  
Longest - 2 years and 1 month

Ethnic Breakdown of Subjects

White = 12%  
Black = 88%

Average Length of Time Served by White Subjects

There was one White subject in this study. He served 1 year and no months.

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

See above

Average Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

1 year and 4 months  
(standard deviation of 6.0 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

Shortest - 9 months  
Longest - 2 years and 1 month

Appendix A contains a listing of the data collected (minus subject's file number) for this study.



## APPENDIX A

INDIANA STATE PRISON  
SENTENCE LENGTH OF 2-10 YEARS

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
December, 1973	February, 1975	Black	Possession of Heroine
March, 1974	February, 1975	Black	Violation of 1935 Narcotics Act
April, 1974	April, 1975	Black	Possession of Narcotic Drug
September, 1974	June, 1975	Black	Violation of 1935 Narcotics Act
September, 1973	June, 1975	Black	Violation of 1935 Narcotics Act
October, 1973	June, 1975	Black	Violation of 1935 Narcotics Act
July, 1974	July, 1975	White	Possession of Controlled Substance
September, 1974	October, 1975	Black	Volation of 1935 Narcotics Act

AN ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL TIME SERVED IN THE  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION BY INMATES  
WITH A SENTENCE LENGTH OF 1-10 YEARS

-INDIANA STATE PRISON-

The primary goal of this study was to determine the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates at the Indiana State Prison who had a sentence length of 1-10 years and who had received parole authorization.

There were sixty-two (62) inmates with a singular sentence of 1-10 years authorized for parole from the Indiana State Prison from January, 1975, through October, 1975. From this population a sample of twenty-five (25) inmates was randomly selected to serve as subjects. The data for this study was obtained from the "minutes" of the Indiana Parole Board and from the Central Office packets of the subjects. The following information was collected; (1) the inmate's file number, (2) the inmate's month and year of admission into the Indiana Department of Correction, (3) the month and year the inmate was authorized for parole, (4) the inmate's ethnic group, and (5) the most serious committing offense of the inmate.

This information was analyzed to determine; (1) the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana State Prison who had a sentence length of 1-10 years, (2) the range of time served by all subjects in this study, (3) the ethnic breakdown of the subjects in this study, (4) the average (mean) length of time served by the White inmates in this study, (5) the range of time served by the White inmates in this study, (6) the average (mean) length of time served by the Black inmates in this study, and (7) the range of time served by the Black inmates in this study.

In this study (sentence length of 1-10 years) the following results were obtained:

Average Length of Time Served by All Subjects

1 year and 6 months  
(standard deviation of 11.95 months)

Range of Time Served by All Subjects

Shortest - 3 months  
Longest - 3 years and 8 months

Ethnic Breakdown of Subjects

White = 56%  
Black = 44%

Average Length of Time Served by White Subjects

1 year and 8 months  
(standard deviation of 1 year and 2 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

Shortest - 4 months  
Longest - 3 years and 8 months

Average Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

1 year and 3.5 months  
(standard deviation of 8 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

Shortest - 3 months  
Longest - 2 years and 9 months

Appendix A contains a listing of the data collected (minus inmate file number) for this study.

## APPENDIX A

INDIANA STATE PRISON  
SENTENCE LENGTH OF 1-10 YEARS

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
August, 1974	August, 1975	White	Theft
December, 1972	September, 1975	Black	Theft From Person
May, 1975	October, 1975	White	Theft From Person
July, 1974	October, 1975	Black	Theft From Person
November, 1974	June, 1975	Black	Assault and Battery With Intent to Rape
January, 1973	June, 1975	White	Assault and Battery With Intent to Commit a Felony
April, 1972	April, 1975	White	Theft From Person
May, 1973	January, 1975	Black	Possession of Dangerous Drugs
December, 1973	March, 1975	White	Theft
May, 1972	January, 1975	White	Assault and Battery With Intent to Commit a Felony
June, 1974	February, 1975	White	Theft From Person
March, 1974	March, 1975	White	Theft
May, 1974	April, 1975	Black	Involuntary Manslaughter
November, 1974	April, 1975	White	Offense Against Property Act
June, 1973	April, 1975	Black	Assault and Battery With Intent to Commit a Felony
October, 1973	April, 1975	Black	Theft From Person
May, 1974	April, 1975	Black	Theft From Person
September, 1973	May, 1975	Black	Theft From Person
August, 1973	May, 1975	Black	Theft From Person
April, 1973	June, 1975	White	Assault and Battery With Intent to Commit a Felony

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
April, 1975	August, 1975	White	Involuntary Manslaughter
August, 1974	August, 1975	White	Theft
April, 1972	September, 1975	White	Theft From Person
January, 1972	September, 1975	White	Assault and Battery With Intent to Rape
June, 1975	September, 1975	Black	Possession of Stolen Property

AN ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL TIME SERVED IN THE  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION BY INMATES  
WITH A SENTENCE LENGTH OF 2-5 YEARS

-INDIANA STATE PRISON-

The primary goal of this study was to determine the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates at the Indiana State Prison who had a sentence length of 2-5 years and who had received parole authorization.

There were thirty-four (34) inmates with a singular sentence of 2-5 years authorized for parole from the Indiana State Prison from January, 1975, through October, 1975. From this population a sample of twenty-five (25) inmates was randomly selected to serve as subjects. The data for this study was obtained from the "minutes" of the Indiana Parole Board and from the Central Office packets of the subjects. The following information was collected; (1) the inmate's file number, (2) the inmate's month and year of admission into the Indiana Department of Correction, (3) the month and year the inmate was authorized for parole, (4) the inmate's ethnic group, and (5) the most serious committing offense of the inmate.

This information was analyzed to determine; (1) the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana State Prison who had a sentence length of 2-5 years, (2) the range of time served by all subjects in this study, (3) the ethnic breakdown of the subjects in this study, (4) the average (mean) length of time served by the White inmates in this study, (5) the range time served by the White inmates in this study, (6) the average (mean) length of time served by the Black inmates in this study, and (7) the range of time served by the Black inmates in this study.

In this study (sentence length of 2-5 years) the following results were obtained:

Average Length of Time Served by All Subjects

1 year and .4 months  
(standard deviation of 3.9 months)

Range of Time Served by All Subjects

Shortest - 7 months  
Longest - 1 year and 11 months

Ethnic Breakdown of Subjects

White = 84%  
Black = 16%

Average Length of Time Served by White Subjects

1 year and .1 month  
(standard deviation of 3.2 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

Shortest - 8 months  
Longest - 1 year and 10 months

Average Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

1 year and 2 months  
(standard deviation of 7.2 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

Shortest - 7 months  
Longest - 1 year and 11 months

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INDIANA STATE PRISON  
SENTENCE LENGTH OF 2-5 YEARS

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
March, 1974	February, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
April, 1973	February, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
February, 1974	May, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
October, 1973	January, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Burglary
November, 1973	January, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
January, 1974	January, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
May, 1974	January, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
March, 1974	February, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
March, 1974	February, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
April, 1973	March, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Burglary
August, 1974	March, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Burglary
May, 1974	April, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
June, 1974	April, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
September, 1974	May, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
July, 1974	July, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
July, 1974	July, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
June, 1974	August, 1975	White	Arson/3rd Degree
July, 1974	September, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
November, 1974	October, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
November, 1974	October, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
September, 1974	August, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
October, 1974	September, 1975,	White	2nd Degree Burglary



<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
November, 1974,	August, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Burglary
March, 1974	August, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
November, 1974	August, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary

AN ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL TIME SERVED IN THE  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION BY INMATES  
WITH A SENTENCE LENGTH OF 1-5 YEARS

-INDIANA STATE PRISON-

The primary goal of this study was to determine the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates at the Indiana State Prison who had a sentence length of 1-5 years and who received parole authorization.

There were fifty-nine (59) inmates with a singular sentence of 1-5 years authorized for parole from the Indiana State Prison from January, 1975, through October, 1975. From this population a sample of twenty-five (25) inmates was randomly selected to serve as subjects. The data for this study was obtained from the "minutes" of the Indiana Parole Board and from the Central Office packets of the subjects. The following information was collected; (1) the inmate's file number, (2) the inmate's month and year of admission into the Indiana Department of Correction, (3) the month and year the inmate was authorized for parole, (4) the inmate's ethnic group, and (5) the most serious committing offense of the inmate.

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In this study (sentence length of 1-5 years) the following results were obtained:

Average Length of Time Served by All Subjects

1 year and 3 months  
(standard deviation of 4.9 months)

Range of Time Served by All Subjects

Shortest - 9 months  
Longest - 2 years and 7 months

Ethnic Breakdown of Subjects

White - 76%  
Black - 24%

Average Length of Time Served by White Subjects

1 year and 3 months  
(standard deviation of 5.4 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

Shortest - 9 months  
Longest - 2 years and 7 months

Average Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

1 year and 2 months  
(standard deviation of 3.4 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

Shortest - 11 months  
Longest - 1 year and 8 months

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INDIANA STATE PRISON  
SENTENCE LENGTH OF 1-5 YEARS

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
January, 1974	January, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony
March, 1974	February, 1975	White	Theft
August, 1973	January, 1975	White	Theft Under \$100
October, 1973	February, 1975	Black	Aggravated Assault and Battery
August, 1973	March, 1975	White	Aggravated Assault and Battery
February, 1974	March, 1975	White	Theft
March, 1974	March, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
December, 1973	March, 1975	Black	Entering to Commit a Felony
June, 1973	April, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony
July, 1974	April, 1975	White	Theft Under \$100
April, 1974	April, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony
May, 1974	May, 1975	Black	Entering to Commit a Felony
June, 1974	June, 1975	White	Assault and Battery
July, 1974	July, 1975	Black	Theft
November, 1973	July, 1975	Black	Entering to Commit a Felony
August, 1974	August, 1975	White	Theft by Deception
August, 1974,	August, 1975	White	Arson
February, 1973	September, 1975	White	Aggravated Assault and Battery
September, 1974	September, 1975	White	Theft
September, 1974	September, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony
October, 1974	October, 1975	White	Theft
November, 1974	October, 1975	Black	Entering to Commit a Felony

Month/Year Admitted  
to Indiana Department  
of Correction

Month/Year  
Authorized  
for Parole

Ethnic Group

Most Serious Committing Offense

July, 1974

October, 1975

White

Reckless Homicide

October, 1974

October, 1975

White

Entering to Commit a Felony

April, 1973

February, 1975

White

Assault and Battery