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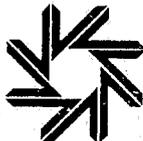
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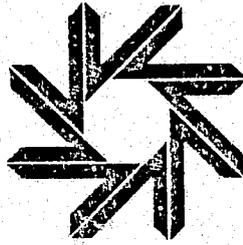


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**REPORT OF FELON ESCAPES  
DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

*The data compiled in this statistical report of escapes occurring in fiscal year 1979 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 nol-prossed in court.*

**NUMBER OF ESCAPES**

There were 86 felon escapes from the Virginia Correctional System during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979. This was an increase of 7.5 percent from the 80 escapes which occurred in the previous fiscal year. The average number of escapes per year during the past ten years is 230.

**RACE AND SEX**

Of the escapees, 46 or 53.5 percent were white males and 35 or 40.7 percent were non-white males. Among the females there were two (2.3 percent) white females and three (3.5 percent) non-white females who escaped during the fiscal year. This compares to the total felon population on June 30, 1979, of 38.1 percent white males, 58.7 percent non-white males, 1.1 percent white females and 2.1 percent non-white females. The proportion of the confined felon population to total escapees has remained constant; 1.1 percent in fiscal 1978, as well as 1.1 percent in fiscal 1979.

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

The largest number of escapes during the fiscal year occurred during the month of May. There has been a change in the trend in that for fiscal years 1972 - 1977 the month of August accounted for the largest number of escapes. In fiscal year 1978, the largest number of escapes occurred in June. The months of May through August accounted for 45.5 percent of all escapes in fiscal 1979. As in fiscal 1978, more than half (52 escapes or 60.5 percent) of the escapes occurred between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The largest number of escapes (25 or 29.1 percent) occurred while inmates were working on the highway. Escapes from correctional field units or major institutions was second, accounting for 17 escapes or 19.8 percent. Escapes occurring by inmates on furlough accounted for eight escapes or 9.3 percent of all escapes. This represents an increase from fiscal year 1978 when only two escapes or 2.5 percent occurred when inmates were on furlough. This is, however, still a significant decrease from fiscal year 1974 when inmates on furlough accounted for 23.4 percent of all escapes.

**PAROLE STATUS**

Of the 86 escapees, 39 or 45.3 percent were not yet eligible for parole at the time of the escape. Thirty-eight escapees (44.2 percent) had been denied parole prior to their escape. Of the 38 escapees who were denied parole, 24 or 27.9 percent had been denied three or more months prior to the escapes. Only four or 4.7 percent were parole violators.

#### **LENGTH OF SENTENCE**

During fiscal year 1979, the largest number of escapees were serving sentences of six to ten years, accounting for 23 or 26.7 percent of all escapes. The above continues the trend started in fiscal 1975 when the largest number of 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 44.2 percent of all escapes in fiscal 1978. In the total felon population, 1,947 felons or 25.2 percent were serving sentences between six and ten years, while 2,965 or 38.4 percent were serving sentences between six and fifteen years.

#### **TIME SERVED PRIOR TO ESCAPE**

Of the 86 escapes, 25.6 percent occurred during the first and second years of confinement and 48.8 percent occurred within the first three years of confinement. Only 8.1 percent of all escapes occurred before one year of confinement.

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

At the time of escape, 49 or 57.0 percent of the escapees had less than five years remaining to serve. Of these, 15 or 17.4 percent had less than one year to serve and 27 or 31.4 percent had less than two years to serve. There were five escapees (5.8 percent) who had detainers or were to be tried for other offenses.

#### **AGE OF ESCAPEES**

As in fiscal 1977 and 1978, this year the largest proportion of all escapes (29 or 33.7 percent) occurred in the age group of 20 to 24 years. Fifty-six escapees or 65.1 percent were under the age of 30. There were six escapees who were 50 years of age or older.

#### **PREVIOUS RECORD**

Prior felony or misdemeanor sentences had been served by 44 escapees or 51.2 percent. An additional 21 felon escapees (24.4 percent) 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 48 or 55.8 percent of the total, while only ten or 11.6 percent had no prior record of any kind. Comparison to the total felon population shows that 2,862 felons or 37.1 percent had served prior felony sentences. Among the felon population, 634 felons or 8.2 percent had served prior misdemeanor sentences but had no prior felony records, and 4,192 felons or 56.0 percent had juvenile records.

#### **PRIOR ESCAPES**

Escapees with a history of one or more prior escapes number twenty or 23.3 percent of all escapes. Six escapees had a history of two prior escapes, while four escapees had a prior history of three escapes.

#### **OFFENSE**

At the time of escape, 56 escapees or 65.1 percent were serving sentences for Offenses Against Property, while 28 or 32.6 percent were serving sentences for Offenses Against Persons. The most frequent offense category among the total felon population on June 30, 1979 was Offenses Against Persons, representing 55.8 percent of the total felon population.

#### MARITAL STATUS

Among the felon escapees, 57 or 66.3 percent were single and fifteen or 17.4 percent were married. This compares with the total felon population on June 30, 1979 in which 59.8 percent were single and 21.3 percent were married.

#### MILITARY SERVICE AND AWOL RECORDS

Of the 25 escapees who had military service, thirteen or 15.1 percent had a history of being AWOL one or more times.

#### CUSTODY STATUS

Half (43 or 50.0 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 58 escapees or 73.4 percent of the 79 escapees who had been tested. An I.Q. of 90 (normal) or above was reported for 67.1 percent of the 85 escapees who were tested. In comparison, 71.7 percent of the total felon population on June 30, 1979 who had been tested were fifth grade level or higher and 63.7 percent tested an I.Q. of 90 (normal) or above.

#### INSTITUTION

Inmates assigned to the correctional field units at the time of their escape accounted for half (43 or 50.0 percent) of all felon escapes. Among the major institutions, the Powhatan Complex experienced the largest number of escapes, with twelve.

#### TIME ESCAPEE REMAINED FREE

Within 24 hours, 43 or 50.0 percent of the escapees were captured or surrendered. Within 29 days, an additional twelve inmates or 14.0 percent were taken back into custody, resulting in 55 inmates or 64.0 percent being captured or surrendering within 30 days. On June 30, 1979, fourteen escapees or 16.3 percent remained at large.

#### CRIMES COMMITTED WHILE AT LARGE

Eleven or 12.8 percent of all escapees were known to have committed crimes while at large. Auto Theft was the most prevalent crime committed, accounting for five crimes.

#### STATUS OF PARENTS

The parents of 26 or 30.2 percent of the escapees were married or living together. Seventeen escapees or 19.8 percent came from homes where the parents were either divorced or separated, while 22 or 25.6 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 37 escapees (43.0 percent) who had a history of liquor habits and drug use. Twenty-four escapees (27.9 percent) were heavy drinkers who did not use drugs. There were eleven (12.8 percent) who had been addicted to drugs. Only four or 4.6 percent had no record of drug or liquor use.

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

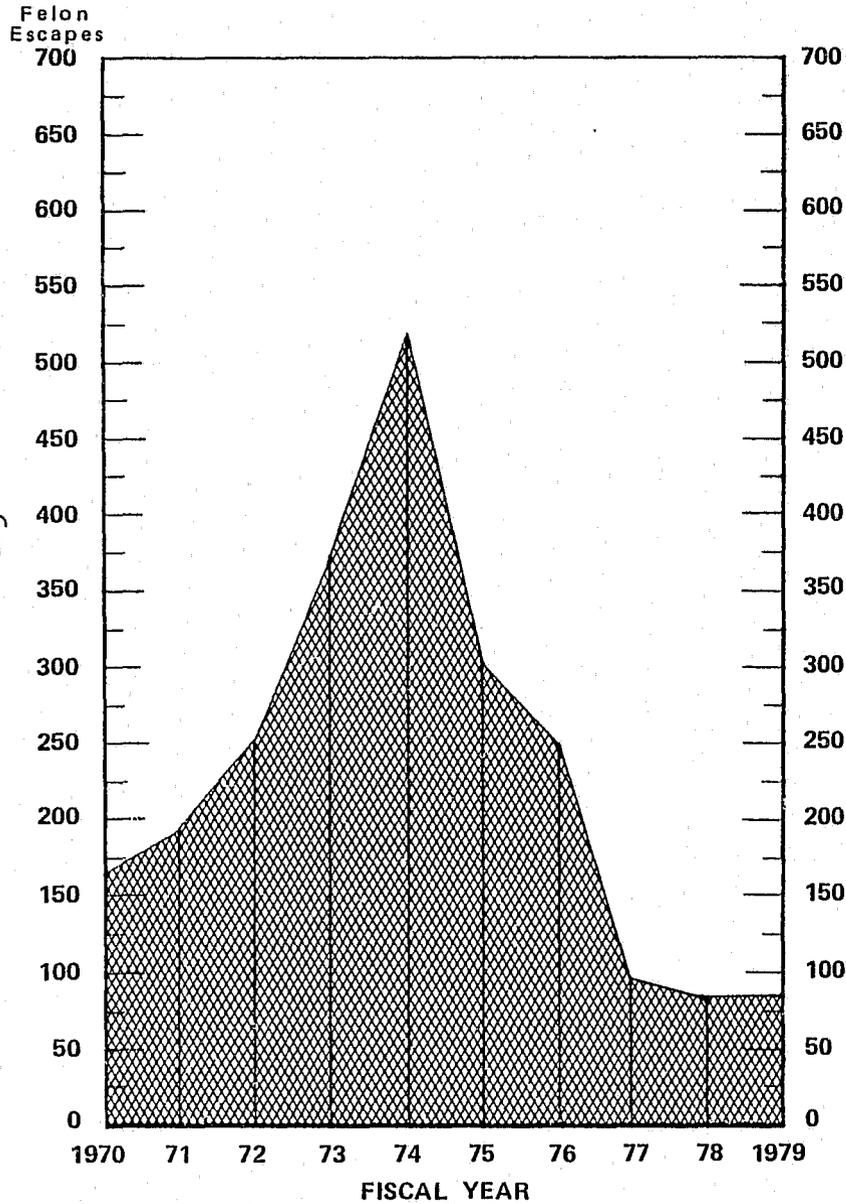
Prior to confinement for their felony offenses, twenty escapees or 23.3 percent had been steady workers, whereas 32 escapees or 37.2 percent had only worked intermittently (less than six months employment in the twelve months prior to arrest). Eighteen escapees or 20.9 percent were nomadic in their work 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 their felon confinement, decreased from 37.5 percent in fiscal 1978 to 23.3 percent in fiscal 1979, a 14.2 percentage point decrease from fiscal 1978. It should also be noted that in comparing fiscal 1979 to fiscal 1977 there was a 52.5 percentage point decrease from the 75.5 percent of escapees who were steady workers prior to their confinement in 1977, to 23.3 percent in fiscal 1979.

**GRAPHS**

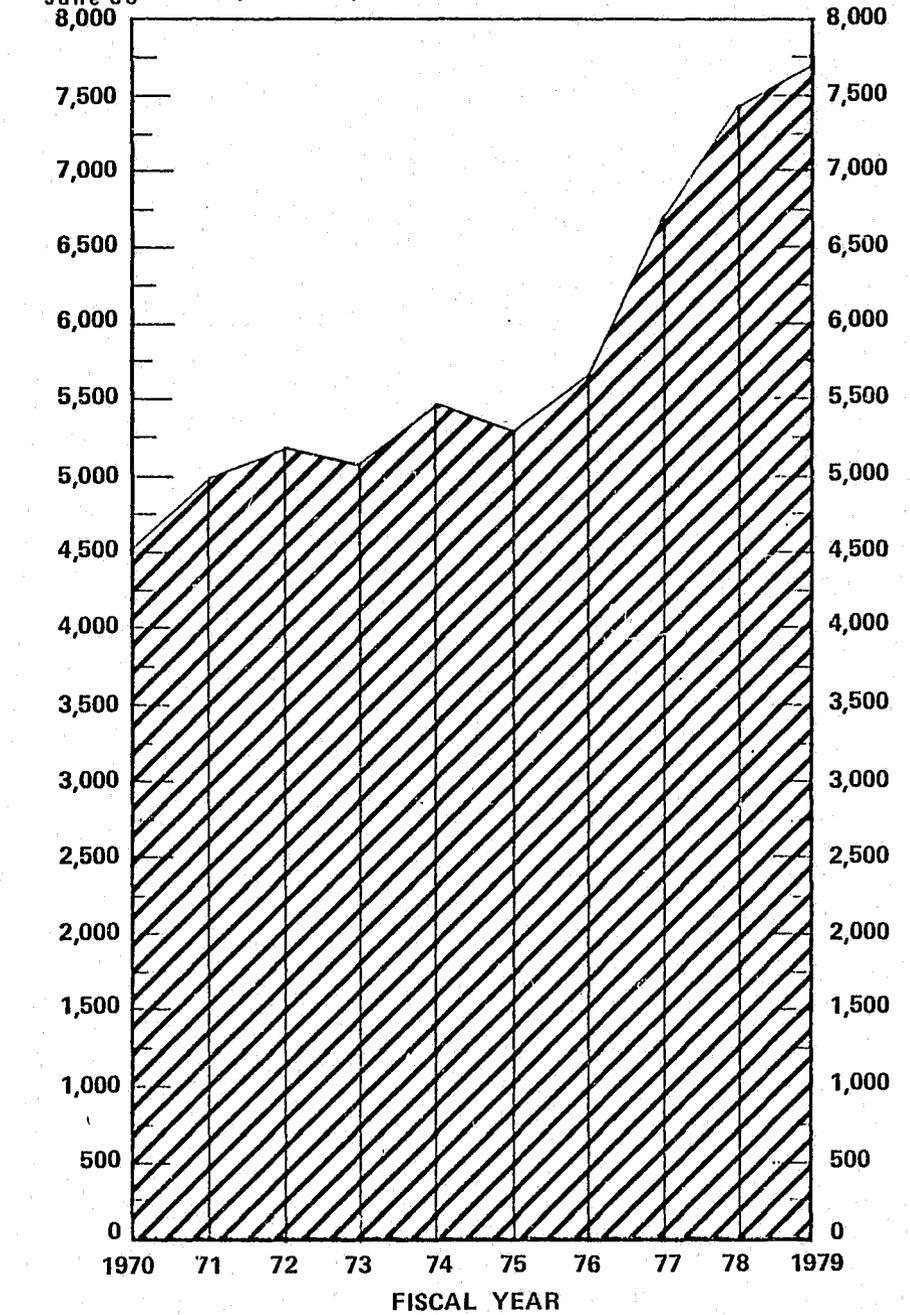
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**DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS**  
**FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1970 - 1979**



**GRAPH II**  
**COMPARISON OF FELON POPULATION**  
**ON JUNE 30, FISCAL YEARS 1970 - 1979**



**TABLE I  
NUMBER OF ESCAPES ACCORDING TO RACE AND SEX  
COMPARED WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1979**

| Race and Sex      | Escapes, Year Ended June 30, 1979 |                         | Total Felon Population June 30, 1979 |                         | Escapes, Year Ended June 30, 1978 |                         |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                   | Number                            | Percentage Distribution | Number                               | Percentage Distribution | Number                            | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL             | 86                                | 100.0                   | 7,725                                | 100.0                   | 80                                | 100.0                   |
| White Males       | 46                                | 53.5                    | 2,939                                | 38.1                    | 51                                | 63.7                    |
| White Females     | 2                                 | 2.3                     | 83                                   | 1.1                     | 2                                 | 2.5                     |
| Non-White Males   | 35                                | 40.7                    | 4,537                                | 58.7                    | 25                                | 31.3                    |
| Non-White Females | 3                                 | 3.5                     | 166                                  | 2.1                     | 2                                 | 2.5                     |

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

| Year Ended June 30   | Number of Escapes |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1970                 | 165               |
| 1971                 | 191               |
| 1972                 | 250               |
| 1973                 | 372               |
| 1974                 | 513               |
| 1975                 | 305               |
| 1976                 | 247               |
| 1977                 | 94                |
| 1978                 | 80                |
| 1979                 | 86                |
| Average No. Per Year | 230               |

**TABLE III  
TIME LEFT TO SERVE AT TIME OF ESCAPE AND TIME SERVED PRIOR TO ESCAPE  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

| 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 |
| TOTAL                       | 86                                   | 15              | 12    | 11     | 8      | 3      | 6      | 16         | 4            | 8                | 3    |
| Less than 1 yr.             | 7                                    | 1               | 2     | 1      | 1      | —      | —      | 1          | —            | 1                | —    |
| 1 yr. - less than 2 yrs.    | 22                                   | 5               | 3     | 2      | 1      | 1      | 5      | 2          | 1            | 2                | —    |
| 2 yrs. - less than 3 yrs.   | 20                                   | 3               | 3     | 4      | 5      | 1      | —      | 3          | 1            | —                | —    |
| 3 yrs. - less than 4 yrs.   | 18                                   | 4               | 1     | 3      | —      | —      | 1      | 7          | —            | 2                | —    |
| 4 yrs. - less than 5 yrs.   | 5                                    | 1               | —     | 1      | —      | —      | —      | —          | 1            | 1                | 1    |
| 5 yrs. - less than 6 yrs.   | 2                                    | —               | 2     | —      | —      | —      | —      | —          | —            | —                | —    |
| 6 yrs. - less than 10 yrs.  | 8                                    | 1               | 1     | —      | 1      | 1      | —      | 1          | 1            | 2                | —    |
| 10 yrs. and over            | 4                                    | —               | —     | —      | —      | —      | —      | 2          | —            | —                | 2    |

**TABLE IV**  
**NUMBER OF ESCAPES BY MONTH OF ESCAPE**

| Month of Escape | Year Ended June 30, 1979 |                         | Year Ended June 30, 1978 |                         |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|                 | Number                   | Percentage Distribution | Number                   | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL           | 86                       | 100.0                   | 80                       | 100.0                   |
| JULY            | 11                       | 12.8                    | 12                       | 15.0                    |
| AUGUST          | 8                        | 9.3                     | 11                       | 13.7                    |
| SEPTEMBER       | 11                       | 12.8                    | 9                        | 11.2                    |
| OCTOBER         | 5                        | 5.8                     | 5                        | 6.3                     |
| NOVEMBER        | 5                        | 5.8                     | 1                        | 1.3                     |
| DECEMBER        | 4                        | 4.7                     | 4                        | 5.0                     |
| JANUARY         | 6                        | 7.0                     | 4                        | 5.0                     |
| FEBRUARY        | 3                        | 3.5                     | 0                        | 0.0                     |
| MARCH           | 7                        | 8.1                     | 9                        | 11.2                    |
| APRIL           | 6                        | 7.0                     | 4                        | 5.0                     |
| MAY             | 13                       | 15.1                    | 8                        | 10.0                    |
| JUNE            | 7                        | 8.1                     | 13                       | 16.3                    |

**TABLE V**  
**TIME OF DAY PRISONER ESCAPED**

| Time of Day Prisoner Escaped              | Year Ended June 30, 1979 |                         | Year Ended June 30, 1978 |                         |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Number                   | Percentage Distribution | Number                   | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL                                     | 86                       | 100.0                   | 80                       | 100.0                   |
| 9:00 p.m. — 12:59 a.m.                    | 13                       | 15.1                    | 10                       | 12.5                    |
| 1:00 a.m. — 4:59 a.m.                     | 1                        | 1.2                     | 4                        | 5.0                     |
| 5:00 a.m. — 8:59 a.m.                     | 7                        | 8.1                     | 10                       | 12.5                    |
| 9:00 a.m. — 12:59 p.m.                    | 27                       | 31.4                    | 13                       | 16.3                    |
| 1:00 p.m. — 4:59 p.m.                     | 25                       | 29.1                    | 31                       | 38.8                    |
| 5:00 p.m. — 8:59 p.m.                     | 12                       | 13.9                    | 10                       | 12.5                    |
| Unknown                                   | 1                        | 1.2                     | 1                        | 1.2                     |
| Not applicable - Work Release or Furlough | —                        | —                       | 1                        | 1.2                     |

**TABLE VI**  
**SENTENCES OF ESCAPEES**  
**AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1979**

| SENTENCE                      | ESCAPEES |                         | TOTAL FELON POPULATION |                         |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                               | Number   | Percentage Distribution | Number                 | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL                         | 86       | 100.0                   | 7,725                  | 100.0                   |
| Under 2 years                 | —        | —                       | 81                     | 1.0                     |
| 2 years - less than 3 years   | 3        | 3.5                     | 234                    | 3.0                     |
| 3 years - less than 4 years   | 4        | 4.7                     | 324                    | 4.2                     |
| 4 years - less than 5 years   | 5        | 5.8                     | 476                    | 6.2                     |
| 5 years - less than 6 years   | 7        | 8.2                     | 673                    | 8.7                     |
| 6 years - less than 10 years  | 23       | 26.7                    | 1,383                  | 17.9                    |
| 10 years - less than 15 years | 15       | 17.4                    | 1,276                  | 16.5                    |
| 15 years - less than 20 years | 10       | 11.6                    | 754                    | 9.8                     |
| 20 years or over              | 16       | 18.6                    | 2,046                  | 26.5                    |
| Life                          | 3        | 3.5                     | 472                    | 6.1                     |
| Death                         | 0        | 0.0                     | 6                      | 0.1                     |

**TABLE VII**  
**AGES OF ESCAPEES AS COMPARED**  
**WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1979**

| AGE            | ESCAPEES* |                         | TOTAL FELON POPULATION |                         |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                | Number    | Percentage Distribution | Number                 | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL          | 86        | 100.0                   | 7,725                  | 100.0                   |
| Under 20 years | 9         | 10.5                    | 491                    | 6.4                     |
| 20 - 24        | 29        | 33.7                    | 2,306                  | 29.9                    |
| 25 - 29        | 18        | 20.9                    | 2,027                  | 26.2                    |
| 30 - 34        | 9         | 10.5                    | 1,238                  | 16.0                    |
| 35 - 39        | 10        | 11.6                    | 671                    | 8.7                     |
| 40 - 44        | 3         | 3.5                     | 366                    | 4.7                     |
| 45 - 49        | 2         | 2.3                     | 262                    | 3.4                     |
| 50 and over    | 6         | 7.0                     | 364                    | 4.7                     |

\*Age at time of escape.

TABLE VIII  
 TYPES OF OFFENSES OF ESCAPEES  
 AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1979

| Type of Offense                                       | ESCAPEES |                         | TOTAL FELON POPULATION |                         |
|---|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Number   | Percentage Distribution | Number                 | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL   | 86       | 100.0                   | 7,725                  | 100.0                   |
| Offenses Against Persons                              | 28       | 32.6                    | 4,310                  | 55.8                    |
| Offenses Against Property                             | 56       | 65.1                    | 2,578                  | 33.4                    |
| Offenses Against Decency,<br>Peace and Good Order     | —        | —                       | 134                    | 1.7                     |
| Offenses Against Public Justice                       | —        | —                       | 18                     | 0.2                     |
| Violation of Traffic and<br>Vehicle Laws              | —        | —                       | 91                     | 1.2                     |
| Offenses Against Public Policy,<br>Economy and Health | 2        | 2.3                     | 594                    | 7.7                     |

TABLE IX  
 MARITAL STATUS OF ESCAPEES  
 AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1979

| Marital Status | ESCAPEES |                         | TOTAL FELON POPULATION |                         |
|----------------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                | Number   | Percentage Distribution | Number                 | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL          | 86       | 100.0                   | 7,725                  | 100.0                   |
| SINGLE         | 57       | 66.3                    | 4,621                  | 59.8                    |
| MARRIED        | 15       | 17.4                    | 1,643                  | 21.3                    |
| SEPARATED      | 4        | 4.7                     | 631                    | 8.2                     |
| WIDOWED        | 10       | 11.6                    | 150                    | 1.9                     |
| DIVORCED       | —        | —                       | 677                    | 8.8                     |
| UNKNOWN        | —        | —                       | 3                      | —                       |

**TABLE X**  
**ASSIGNMENT AT TIME OF ESCAPE, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

| Assignment                                     | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|--|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL  | 86     | 100.0                   |
| In correctional unit or institution            | 17     | 19.8                    |
| Working on highway                             | 25     | 29.1                    |
| Working on farm                                | 8      | 9.3                     |
| Riding to or from work                         | 3      | 3.5                     |
| On work release or study release               | 10     | 11.6                    |
| On furlough                                    | 8      | 9.3                     |
| On job inside correctional unit or institution | 13     | 15.1                    |
| Other  | 2      | 2.3                     |

**TABLE XI**  
**PAROLE STATUS AT TIME OF ESCAPE, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

| Parole Status  | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|--|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL  | 86     | 100.0                   |
| Not yet eligible   | 39     | 45.3                    |
| Returned for violation of parole within 3 months of escape                 | 0      | 0.0                     |
| Returned for violation of parole more than 3 months before escape          | 4      | 4.7                     |
| Heard by board; decision pending or approved by board, parole plan pending | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Eligible, not yet heard  | 0      | 0.0                     |
| Parole denied:   |        |                         |
| Less than 30 days before escape  | 8      | 9.3                     |
| 1 month, but less than 3 months before escape                              | 6      | 7.0                     |
| 3 months or more before escape   | 24     | 27.9                    |
| Parole deferred  | 2      | 2.3                     |
| Not interested in parole   | 2      | 2.3                     |

**TABLE XII**  
**MILITARY SERVICE AND AWOL RECORDS OF ESCAPEES**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

| Military Service; AWOL Record | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                         | 86     | 100.0                   |
| No military service           | 61     | 70.9                    |
| Military service:             |        |                         |
| Record of AWOL                | 13     | 15.1                    |
| No record of AWOL             | 12     | 14.0                    |

**TABLE XIII**  
**ESCAPEES' SUBSTANCE ABUSE, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

| Substance Abuse                                  | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|--|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL  | 86     | 100.0                   |
| Heavy drinker - no drug use known                | 24     | 27.9                    |
| Occasional drinker - no drug use known           | 9      | 10.5                    |
| History of using drugs - no liquor habits known  | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Drug-user - no liquor habits known               | 2      | 2.3                     |
| History of using drugs and liquor                | 37     | 43.0                    |
| History of being drug addict and of using liquor | 9      | 10.5                    |
| No record of drugs or liquor                     | 4      | 4.6                     |

**TABLE XIV**  
**ESCAPEES' EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

| Employment History  | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|---|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL   | 86     | 100.0                   |
| Steady Worker   | 20     | 23.3                    |
| Worked intermittently (less than 6 months employment in 12 months prior to arrest)                  | 32     | 37.2                    |
| Nomadic in work habits, but usually steadily employed (4 jobs or more in 12 months prior to arrest) | 18     | 20.9                    |
| Only held odd jobs — no real employment record  | 14     | 16.3                    |
| No employment history   | 2      | 2.3                     |

**TABLE XV**  
**DAY OF WEEK ESCAPED, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

| Day of Week | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|-------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL       | 86     | 100.0                   |
| SUNDAY      | 5      | 5.8                     |
| MONDAY      | 19     | 22.1                    |
| TUESDAY     | 16     | 18.6                    |
| WEDNESDAY   | 7      | 8.1                     |
| THURSDAY    | 14     | 16.3                    |
| FRIDAY      | 18     | 21.0                    |
| SATURDAY    | 7      | 8.1                     |

TABLE XVI  
STATUS OF PARENTS OF ESCAPEES, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979\*

| Status of Parents | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL             | 86     | 100.0                   |
| LIVING TOGETHER   | 26     | 30.2                    |
| SEPARATED         | 6      | 7.0                     |
| DIVORCED          | 11     | 12.8                    |
| NOT MARRIED       | 8      | 9.3                     |
| ONE PARENT DEAD   | 22     | 25.6                    |
| BOTH PARENTS DEAD | 8      | 9.3                     |
| UNKNOWN           | 5      | 5.8                     |

*\*Reflects parental status at time of commitment.*

TABLE XVII  
JUVENILE RECORDS OF ESCAPEES, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

| Juvenile Record                                | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|--|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL  | 86     | 100.0                   |
| NO JUVENILE RECORD                             | 38     | 44.2                    |
| YES, OTHER THAN STATE WARD                     | 13     | 15.1                    |
| STATE WARD, TRAINING SCHOOL                    | 35     | 40.7                    |
| STATE WARD, TRAINING SCHOOL<br>AND FOSTER HOME | 0      | 0.0                     |
| STATE WARD, OTHER                              | 0      | 0.0                     |

TABLE XVIII  
NUMBER OF YEARS UNDER VIRGINIA STATE CARE AS JUVENILE\*  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

| Years Under State Care | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                  | 86     | 100.0                   |
| NONE                   | 50     | 58.1                    |
| 1 YEAR                 | 21     | 24.4                    |
| 2 YEARS                | 9      | 10.5                    |
| 3 YEARS                | 1      | 1.2                     |
| 4 YEARS                | 3      | 3.4                     |
| 5 YEARS                | 0      | 0.0                     |
| 6 YEARS                | 0      | 0.0                     |
| 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, 1979

| Number of Sentences Served | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                      | 86     | 100.0                   |
| NONE                       | 53     | 61.6                    |
| ONE                        | 21     | 24.4                    |
| TWO                        | 9      | 10.5                    |
| THREE                      | 2      | 2.3                     |
| FOUR                       | 1      | 1.2                     |

*\*Prior to current commitment.*

TABLE XX  
TYPES OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY ESCAPEES WHILE AT LARGE  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

| Type of Crime                               | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|---|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                                       | 86     | 100.0                   |
| No crimes committed                         | 61     | 71.0                    |
| Offenses Against Persons:                   | 3      | 3.5                     |
| Armed Robbery                               | 2      |                         |
| Assault with intent to maim                 | 1      |                         |
| Offenses Against Property:                  | 7      | 8.1                     |
| Break and Enter                             | 1      |                         |
| Auto Theft                                  | 5      |                         |
| Malicious destruction or damage to property | 1      |                         |
| Unknown                                     | 15     | 17.4                    |

TABLE XXI  
HAD DETAINER, WAS TO BE TRIED ON ADDITIONAL OFFENSE(S)  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

|  | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|--|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL  | 86     | 100.0                   |
| Had detainer or was to be tried on additional offense(s) | 5      | 5.8                     |
| No detainer  | 81     | 94.2                    |

**TABLE XXII**  
**TIME ESCAPEE REMAINED AT LARGE, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

| Time Escapee Remained at Large        | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                                 | 86     | 100.0                   |
| Less than 1 hour                      | 10     | 11.6                    |
| 1 hour, but less than 3 hours         | 6      | 7.0                     |
| 3 hours, but less than 6 hours        | 7      | 8.1                     |
| 6 hours, but less than 12 hours       | 9      | 10.5                    |
| 12 hours, but less than 24 hours      | 11     | 12.8                    |
| 1 day (24 hours) but less than 2 days | 4      | 4.6                     |
| 2 days, but less than 10 days         | 5      | 5.8                     |
| 10 days, but less than 30 days        | 3      | 3.5                     |
| 1 month, but less than 6 months       | 13     | 15.1                    |
| 6 months or more                      | 4      | 4.7                     |
| At large on June 30, 1979             | 14     | 16.3                    |

**TABLE XXIII**  
**ESCAPEES RECAPTURED, RETURNED VOLUNTARILY,  
OR STILL AT LARGE AS OF JUNE 30, 1979**

|   | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|---|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL   | 86     | 100.0                   |
| Recaptured  | 63     | 73.3                    |
| Returned voluntarily                                    | 9      | 10.5                    |
| At large  | 14     | 16.2                    |
| Recaptured - serving sentence in other state            | 0      | 0.0                     |
| 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, 1979**

|                              | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                        | 86     | 100.0                   |
| Committed crime on escape    | 11     | 12.8                    |
| No crime committed on escape | 61     | 70.9                    |
| Unknown                      | 14     | 16.3                    |

TABLE XXV  
ESCAPEES' PRIOR SENTENCES TO  
STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, FOR MISDEMEANORS\*  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

| Number of Sentences | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL               | 86     | 100.0                   |
| None                | 71     | 82.6                    |
| 1                   | 10     | 11.6                    |
| 2                   | 1      | 1.2                     |
| 3                   | 3      | 3.4                     |
| 4                   | 1      | 1.2                     |

*\*Prior to commitment.*

TABLE XXVI  
ESCAPEES' PRIOR MISDEMEANANT CONVICTIONS\*  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

| Number of Convictions | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                 | 86     | 100.0                   |
| None                  | 30     | 34.9                    |
| 1                     | 27     | 31.4                    |
| 2                     | 11     | 12.8                    |
| 3                     | 8      | 9.3                     |
| 4                     | 5      | 5.8                     |
| 5                     | 2      | 2.3                     |
| 6                     | 1      | 1.2                     |
| 7                     | 0      | 0.0                     |
| 8                     | 2      | 2.3                     |
| 9 or more             | 0      | 0.0                     |

*\*Prior to current felony conviction.*

TABLE XXVII  
ESCAPEES' PRIOR OUT-OF-STATE FELONY  
SENTENCES SERVED\*, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

| Number of Sentences | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL               | 86     | 100.0                   |
| None                | 69     | 80.2                    |
| 1                   | 7      | 8.1                     |
| 2                   | 4      | 4.7                     |
| 3                   | 2      | 2.3                     |
| 4                   | 1      | 1.2                     |
| 5                   | 2      | 2.3                     |
| 6                   | 1      | 1.2                     |

*\*Prior to current commitment.*

TABLE XXVIII  
PRIOR ESCAPE RECORD

| Number of Prior Escapes | Year Ended June 30, 1979 |                         | Year Ended June 30, 1978 |                         |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|                         | Number                   | Percentage Distribution | Number                   | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL                   | 86                       | 100.0                   | 80                       | 100.0                   |
| NO PRIOR ESCAPES        | 66                       | 76.7                    | 61                       | 76.3                    |
| 1 PRIOR ESCAPE          | 10                       | 11.5                    | 16                       | 20.0                    |
| 2 PRIOR ESCAPES         | 6                        | 7.0                     | 2                        | 2.5                     |
| 3 PRIOR ESCAPES         | 4                        | 4.7                     | 0                        | 0.0                     |
| 4 PRIOR ESCAPES         | 0                        | 0.0                     | 1                        | 1.2                     |

TABLE XXIX  
CLASSIFICATION OF ESCAPEES AS TO CUSTODY STATUS

| Type of Supervision | Year Ended June 30, 1979 |                         | Year Ended June 30, 1978 |                         |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|                     | Number                   | Percentage Distribution | Number                   | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL               | 86                       | 100.0                   | 80                       | 100.0                   |
| TRUSTY              | 43                       | 50.0                    | 35                       | 43.8                    |
| UNDER GUN           | 43                       | 50.0                    | 45                       | 56.2                    |

TABLE XXX  
INTELLIGENCE OF ESCAPEES AS COMPARED WITH  
TOTAL FELON POPULATION ON JUNE 30, 1979

| Intelligence                       | ESCAPEES |                         | TOTAL FELON POPULATION |                         |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                    | Number   | Percentage Distribution | Number                 | Percentage Distribution |
| TOTAL                              | 86       | 100.0                   | 7,725                  | 100.0                   |
| Severely Retarded (I.Q. 43 - 59)   | 0        | 0.0                     | 54                     | 0.7                     |
| Moderately Retarded (I.Q. 60 - 69) | 1        | 1.2                     | 306                    | 4.0                     |
| Borderline (I.Q. 70 - 79)          | 8        | 9.3                     | 910                    | 11.8                    |
| Dull Normal (I.Q. 80 - 89)         | 19       | 22.1                    | 1,439                  | 18.6                    |
| Normal (I.Q. 90 - 109)             | 41       | 47.7                    | 3,488                  | 45.1                    |
| Bright Normal (I.Q. 110 - 119)     | 11       | 12.7                    | 1,010                  | 13.1                    |
| Superior (I.Q. 120 - 128)          | 5        | 5.8                     | 248                    | 3.2                     |
| No Test                            | 1        | 1.2                     | 270                    | 3.5                     |

TABLE XXXI  
EDUCATION LEVELS OF ESCAPEES, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

| Education Level             | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                       | 86     | 100.0                   |
| Beginner (Illiterate - 4.9) | 21     | 24.4                    |
| Intermediate (5.0 - 8.9)    | 50     | 58.2                    |
| Advanced (9.0 - 11.9)       | 7      | 8.1                     |
| High School and above       | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Unknown - No Test           | 7      | 8.1                     |

TABLE XXXII  
PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORDS OF ESCAPEES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

| PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD  | TOTAL |
|---|-------|
| Juvenile Record <sup>1</sup>  | 48    |
| Adult Record, but no State Correctional Institution Sentence <sup>2</sup> | 21    |
| Served Prior State Correctional Institution Sentence <sup>3</sup>         | 44    |
| No Previous Record  | 10    |

<sup>1</sup> Includes training school, Foster Home, State Ward and other 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, 1979

| Institution                       | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                             | 86     | 100.0                   |
| PENITENTIARY                      | 4      | 4.7                     |
| STAUNTON                          | 5      | 5.8                     |
| POWHATAN COMPLEX                  | 12     | 13.9                    |
| SOUTHAMPTON COMPLEX               | 4      | 4.7                     |
| VA. CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN | 5      | 5.8                     |
| PRE/WORK RELEASE CENTER           | 12     | 13.9                    |
| CORRECTIONAL FIELD UNITS          | 43     | 50.0                    |
| ST. BRIDES                        | 1      | 1.2                     |

BREAKDOWN OF ESCAPES FROM CORRECTIONAL FIELD UNITS BY UNIT

| Unit Number | Unit Location  | Number of Escapes |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1           | Pulaski        | 3                 |
| 2           | Caroline       | 6                 |
| 3           | Nansemond      | 1                 |
| 4           | Baskerville    | 3                 |
| 5           | Floyd          | 0                 |
| 6           | Woodbridge     | 5                 |
| 7           | White Post     | 4                 |
| 8           | Harrisonburg   | 0                 |
| 9           | Rustburg       | 1                 |
| 10          | Augusta        | 1                 |
| 11          | Culpeper       | 0                 |
| 12          | Fluvanna       | 0                 |
| 13          | Pocahontas     | 2                 |
| 15          | Chatham        | 2                 |
| 16          | New Kent       | 0                 |
| 17          | Haynesville    | 0                 |
| 18          | Wise           | 3                 |
| 20          | Capron         | 1                 |
| 21          | Stafford       | 1                 |
| 22          | Tidewater      | 1                 |
| 23          | Halifax        | 1                 |
| 24          | Smith Mt. Lake | 0                 |
| 25          | Botetourt      | 2                 |
| 26          | Haymarket      | 0                 |
| 27          | Dinwiddie      | 1                 |
| 28          | Patrick Henry  | 1                 |
| 29          | Buchanan       | 2                 |
| 30          | Northern Va.   | 2                 |
| 31          | Tazewell       | 0                 |
| TOTAL       |                | 43                |

TABLE XXXIV  
EMPLOYMENT SKILLS OF ESCAPEES, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979\*

| Employment Skill                  | Number | Percentage Distribution |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL                             | 86     | 100.0                   |
| Artist                            | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Attendant, Hospital               | 4      | 4.6                     |
| Attendant, Service Station        | 5      | 5.8                     |
| Awning Maker                      | 2      | 2.3                     |
| Barber                            | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Beautician                        | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Bricklayer's Apprentice           | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Busboy                            | 5      | 5.8                     |
| Business Owner, Operator, Manager | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Carpenter                         | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Carpenter's Helper                | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Commercial Cook                   | 6      | 6.9                     |
| Construction Worker               | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Electronics Technician            | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Fisherman                         | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Guard                             | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Heavy Equipment Operator          | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Laborer                           | 26     | 30.0                    |
| Mechanic, Auto                    | 7      | 8.0                     |
| Miner                             | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Painter                           | 2      | 2.3                     |
| Pipe Fitter                       | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Plumber's Helper                  | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Roofer                            | 4      | 4.6                     |
| Sales Clerk                       | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Sawmill Worker                    | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Tire Recapper                     | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Truck Driver                      | 4      | 4.6                     |
| Unemployed                        | 1      | 1.2                     |
| Welder                            | 2      | 2.3                     |

*\*Reflects employment skills at time of commitment.*

## APPENDIX

### ==== 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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