



MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL

Serving Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and
the Counties of Augusta and Rockingham

May 18, 2020

To Whom It May Concern

SUBJECT: Authority for the Commonwealth of Virginia Director of Corrections to discharge or reassign certain prisoners (Reference Letter dated April 27, 2020)

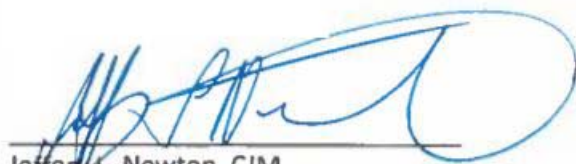
I previously posted a notice, (April 27, 2020), that the legislation passed during the April 2020 Virginia Legislature Reconvene Session granting the Virginia Director of Corrections the authority to discharge or reassign certain prisoners within 1 year of release did not apply offenders in the custody of the Middle River Regional Jail.

As I noted in the letter, *"If at some point in time in the future I learn or receive instructions to release any offender as a result of this legislative authorization, Middle River Regional Jail will do so."* The Middle River Regional Jail has been notified that the legislative authorization now does apply to local and regional jail inmates. Local and regional jails can opt to participate or opt not to participate in the early release program. The Middle River Regional Jail has opted to participate.

On Monday May 11, 2020 Middle River Regional Jail was provided a list of 18 offenders by the Virginia Department of Corrections for review; the list included offenders already scheduled for release from May to mid-July 2020. The required paperwork was prepared and submitted to the Virginia Department of Corrections by Wednesday May 13, 2020.

The Middle River Regional **does not** identify if an offender is eligible for early release. The Middle River Regional Jail is simply responding to the list of offenders provided by the Virginia Department of Corrections. If you have any questions or concerns about if an offender is scheduled for earlier release, I recommend that you contact the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey L. Newton, CJM
Superintendent