

The Office of Victim Services (OVS) provides assistance to crime victims and their families after the perpetrator is prosecuted and sent to an Ohio state prison to serve his or her sentence. To receive services from our office, victims register by filling out the notification form and returning it to OVS. Once registered with our office, victims will receive a confirmation letter notifying them of the either the offender's date of release or next scheduled parole hearing.

## Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction



# A Walk Through the System



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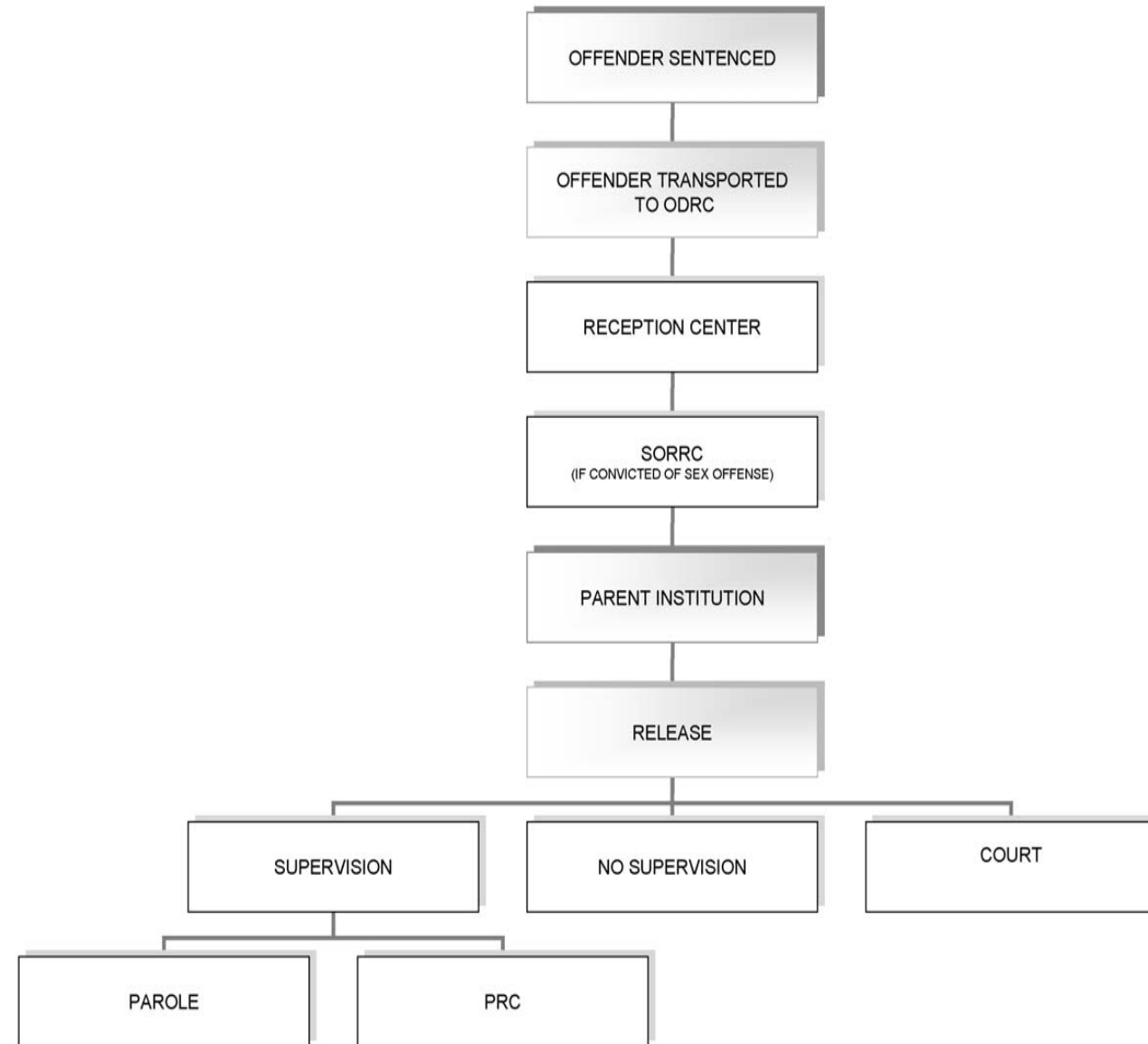
### CONTACT OVS

Victims and their families are welcome to contact our office to discuss concerns and to obtain information regarding the offender. The Office of Victim Services is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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## So What Happens Now?

After the offender is sentenced many crime victims wonder what happens next. This brochure will walk you through the system and explain what victims can expect to happen with their offender.

### OFFENDER SENTENCED

The Judge will enter into record at sentencing the amount of time that the offender will serve in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC). At this time he may also include other conditions such as restitution to the victim or no contact with the victim.

### OFFENDER TRANSPORTED

After sentencing, the offender is under the control of the County Sheriff until released to ODRC. The County Sheriff takes the offender to the reception center, usually within 5-10 days.

### RECEPTION CENTER

ODRC has three reception centers, two for men and one for women. Males go to either the Lorain Correctional Institution in Grafton, Ohio or the Correctional Reception Center in Orient, Ohio. In most cases the male offender will go to the closest reception center based on the county where he was sentenced. All female offenders go to the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, Ohio.

Male offenders will stay at the reception center for as little as a few days to a couple weeks. Females will remain at the Ohio

Reformatory, possibly for their entire stay. While the offender is at the reception center, he or she will be assigned a security level and be screened for medical, mental health or any other special needs. Each offender will receive an orientation which outlines the rules for offenders and overview of the programs and services offered at that institution.

*Please note that any offender serving a sentence of 90 days or less will remain at the reception center for his or her entire sentence.*

### SORRC (SEX OFFENDER RISK REDUCTION CENTER)

Sex offenders at the male reception centers are transferred to the Sex Offender Risk Reduction Center (SORRC) at the Madison Correctional Institution (MaCI). A Sex Offender Risk Assessment is completed and a risk level is assigned to each inmate. The offender is then placed in an education program based on his risk level. Once this is completed, he is then transferred to his parent institution.

### PARENT INSTITUTION

The place where the offender serves the majority of his or her sentence is called the parent institution. Each institution has a security level. The institution's security level and the offender's security level determine where the offender will go after leaving reception. It is possible that offender may transfer to another institution. Some of the reasons that offenders may transfer are: change in security level, programming, or hardship for family to visit.

### RELEASE

The majority of offenders incarcerated within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction will be released. They can be released under the supervision of the Adult Parole Authority, they can be released with no supervision or they can be released by order of the sentencing court.

### SUPERVISION

#### Parole

Parole is a period of supervision for an offender who was convicted of a crime prior to July 1, 1996, and has been released by the order of the Ohio Parole Board and under the supervision of the Adult Parole Authority. Length of supervision for offenders is determined by crime of conviction and the discretion of the Parole Board.

#### Post Release Control (PRC)

PRC is a period of supervision by the Adult Parole Authority after an offender's release from prison. The Parole Board reviews offenders sentenced to prison on or after July 1, 1996, to determine who should be placed on PRC. In some cases, PRC is mandatory and in others PRC is discretionary.

#### Transitional Control

Transitional Control (TC) is an early release program that gives eligible inmates the ability to transfer to a half-way house during the last 180 days of confinement to engage in employment, educational / vocational training, treatment programming, as well as maintain ties with family members. While on TC, offenders are supervised by the halfway house and when released from the

program, will serve any parole or PRC time given to them by the Parole Board.

#### Intensive Program Prison (IPP)

IPP was originally started as Ohio's boot camp program but has been modified over time to include more programming and education in order to provide offenders tools needed for living a productive and crime-free life and to prevent them from returning to the correctional system. Upon completion of the IPP 90 day program, offenders will be released under post release control supervision.

### NO SUPERVISION

Those offenders convicted of crimes prior to July 1, 1996, may not be granted parole and may serve out their entire sentence. Those offenders will be released without supervision. For those offenders convicted after July 1, 1996, supervision may be at the discretion of the Parole Board. Those offenders who are assessed by the Parole Board as no PRC term will not be under supervision upon release and will no longer be under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

### COURT

The court has the authority to release the offender from his or her sentence under judicial release, or through an appeals process that may result in an overturned sentence or conviction. The county prosecutor is responsible to provide notice to the victims for these specific types of hearings/releases.