

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Early Release of Prisoners Debacle
Senate Investigation

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Scope of DOC Debacle

- ✓ DOC error unknown for 10 years
- ✓ Continued 3 more years after discovery
- ✓ 3,000 prisoners released early
- ✓ Rapists, robbers, murderers
 - Convicts with enhancements
 - Sexual motivations
 - Deadly weapons

Human Costs

2 people dead

- Caesar Medina, 17
 - Shot during robbery
 - Alleged killer released 3 months early
- Lindsay Hill, 35
 - Boyfriend crashed car
 - Released four months early

Other crimes committed

- 29 crimes documented
- DOC analysis incomplete.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DEBACLE: INDEPENDENT SENATE INVESTIGATION



Why a Senate investigation?

- Independent perspective
- Signed witness statements
- Testimony under oath
- Broader inquiry
- Greater transparency

By the numbers:

- 100,000 pages reviewed
- 27 witnesses interviewed
- 13 witnesses testified under oath
- 4 hearings
- 3 work sessions

DIFFERENCES WITH GOVERNOR'S REPORT

- Concludes Warner's management NOT a factor.
- Blamed low to mid-level managers, exonerated DOC execs, ignored governor's role.
- No draft legislation

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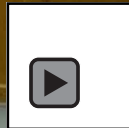
- Downplayed impact of Advanced Corrections/STRONG-R
- Ignored impact of personal relationships/conflicts of interest
- Lacked transparent process/public can't "check the work"

WARNER KEY IN DEBACLE



“I think Mr. Warner did several things to set the context in which this error could occur and go undetected for some time.” —Former Secretary Dan Pacholke

- Indecisive
- Poor communicator
- Frequently absent
- Distorted priorities
- Gross mismanagement



ADVANCE CORRECTIONS/STRONG-R

Warner's top priority

- Create next-gen risk assessment tool
- Goal is to reduce recidivism
- Handpicks Assessments.com for project

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- Over-budget, under-delivers
- CEO is Sean Hosman, criminal record
- Sole-source contract despite history

Feuer – Strong-R “blocked out the Sun”



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EXECUTIVE BRANCH: A FAILURE OF OVERSIGHT

“In many ways he has made Washington a model for how to run a corrections department and always put the safety of staff and the public first in his mind.”

-- September 2015, Gov. Jay Inslee on Secretary Warner's departure from DOC.

- **Inslee reappointed Warner**
- **Responsibility for oversight**
- **Oblivious to dysfunction**
- **Failed to effectively address conflict created by personal relationships.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

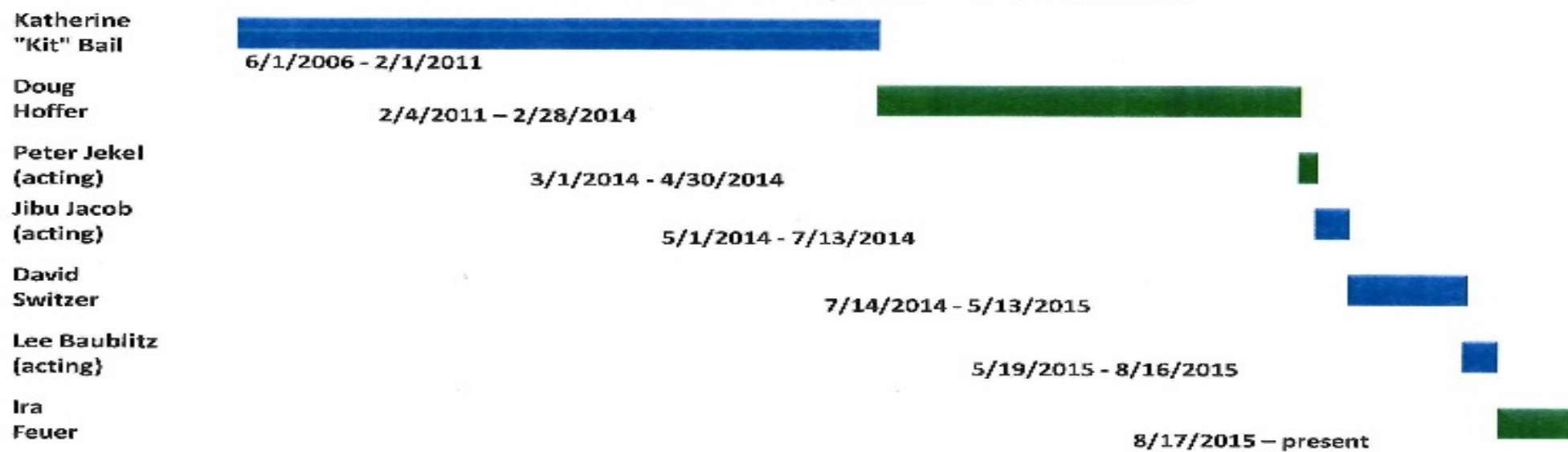
- Establish an independent Corrections ombuds.
- Simplify Washington's sentencing code.
- Review staffing of IT and records offices.
- Require annual report on IT backlog.
- Protection for DOC "whistleblowers."
- Designate public safety as highest priority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Investigate Advance Corrections/STRONG-R.
- Spell out governor's oversight responsibility.
- Clarify handling of personal relationships.
- Require hand calculations in early-release cases.
- Consider actions against Warner.
- Restructure IT governance.



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