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To: Web Page Statement

From: Jerry Roark, Director of Adult Prisons, NMCD

Re: Inmate Releases

Date: September 11, 2012

This is to clarify any misunderstanding concerning the release process for inmates. The process now requires certification and approval from Central Office Records Bureau before an inmate can be discharged or paroled.

Parole has not been stopped but there will be delays in the release because NMCD is committed to properly auditing and certifying inmate releases. As the Central Office Records Bureau is strengthened, there will be improvements in service and efficiency. We want to re-assure our inmates and their families that paroles will continue but no release will occur without the Central Office Records Bureau certification. **This improved review process does not mean inmates will not be paroled but means their parole may be delayed.** Inmates affected will receive credit towards their parole term while their case is being certified for release.