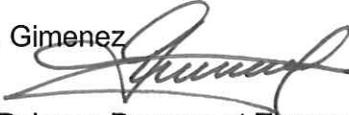


Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

Date: December 07, 2012

To: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Public Safety and Healthcare Administration Committee

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Booking/Release Process at Turner-Guilford Knight Correctional Center

The following information is provided regarding the Centralized Intake Center project at Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center.

In the past, the booking and release function for Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department occurred from two locations: Pre-Trial Detention Center and Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center. The Pre-Trial Detention Center, which opened in 1961, was designed to book and release only 80 inmates daily. Over time, it became apparent that the booking/release function at Pre-Trial Detention Center was not designed to operate at higher inmate levels. Currently, the Department processes about 225 inmates daily or 1 inmate every 6 minutes. The Turner Guildford Knight Correctional Center opened in 1989 to provide a centrally located intake facility for police departments, as well as to process the increased number of inmates.

In an effort to improve the jail booking process, Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department embarked on a project to create a completely Centralized Intake Center at Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center. This project will consolidate the intake processing, inmate classification, records keeping, inmate property storage, and release of inmates from custody and will include a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Lobby in a centrally located facility. The LEO Lobby will allow police officers to transfer custody of new arrestees to corrections staff in a more expeditious manner; thereby, quickly returning to the community to provide police services. Other efficiencies include the video court function in January 2013, medical screening at Turner Guildford Knight Correctional Center upon its re-opening, and the open booking function that reduces the in-cell requirement now at Pre-Trial Detention Center. In order to accomplish this, all booking and release functions at Turner Guildford Knight Correctional Center stopped on October 2010 for the remodeling effort. As such, there have been no inmates released from that facility during this period.

The remodeling effort will be completed in December of 2012 and the new open booking operation will begin January 2013. This project has been discussed with Dade Chief of Police Association which is looking forward to the expedited booking process. The project goal has been not only to expedite the booking process, but also to meet constitutional mandates to maintain safe and secure operations in one of the most challenging booking and release functions in America.

In so doing, some of the surrounding areas have expressed concerns about the potential number of releases from the Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center and the possibility of associated criminal activities. Therefore, it is important to note that although there will be an increased number of inmates released from the Turner Guildford Knight Correctional Center than in the past, 233,177 inmates have been released from Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center with no known or minimal adverse community events from 1989 to 2010; however, there have been no inmate releases from Turner Guildford Knight Correctional Center for nearly two years since the intake function ceased. Further, since all the releases over this period have been into the City of Miami, there has been no identified increase in criminal behavior due to this. Basically, releasees desire to return to their place of residence as quickly and efficiently as possible. Additionally, approximately 3,000 individuals, under pre-trial release, are in the vicinity annually while visiting

the Pre-Trial Services Bureau which has been operating about three blocks away for over 16 years.

Attachment 1 indicates that 88,111 arrestees were processed in 2011. The breakdown clearly indicates that although the City of Miami has a large number of arrestees (17%), the Miami-Dade Police Department is responsible for the largest number of inmates. This also results in all inmates being released from the Pre-Trial Detention Center in the City of Miami while residing in places, other than the City of Miami.

Additionally, the following is important information to keep in mind:

1. All newly released inmates are free citizens and cannot be detained to change the site of their release.
2. Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department is required to attempt to release arrestees within 6 hours of proper release notification. To delay any release would jeopardize meeting this requirement.
3. One of the long-term goals has been to provide a booking location that is centralized to all the areas of Miami-Dade County which this site provides.

The following initiatives are underway and should facilitate the smooth transition of newly released inmates back to their communities.

- Bus passes will be provided to newly released individuals and discussions have occurred with Miami-Dade Transit to coordinate release times, where possible, with the closest bus schedules.
- As the correctional buses regularly travel throughout the County to departmental facilities, newly released individuals will be offered transportation, via these buses, upon execution of necessary waivers.
- Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department has approached the Dade Chiefs of Police Association to implement a program, already available in other jurisdictions, where a police officer arriving at Turner Guildford Knight Correctional Center, delivering a new arrestee, would be requested to transport a newly released individual to their community on their way back to service, where appropriate.
- Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department will continue to work with local jurisdictions as to the status of this project and address any concerns.

Additionally, the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department updated the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police regarding this project and is available to discuss this important endeavor. If you have any further questions, please contact Timothy P. Ryan, Director, Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department at telephone number 786.263.2010.

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c: Genaro "Chip" Iglesias, Deputy Mayor
Timothy P. Ryan, Director, Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department

Attachment 1
Total Arrests in 2011 by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Total Arrests	% of Total
Miami-Dade Police Department	38,220	43.38%
Miami Police Department	15,536	17.63%
Miami Beach Police Department	8,084	9.17%
Hialeah Police Department	4,407	5.00%
Other: Bondsmen, State agencies, other jurisdictions like Dade County Public Schools, small municipalities	4,301	4.88%
Miami Gardens Police Department	3,209	3.64%
Homestead Police Department	2,711	3.08%
Corrections and Rehabilitation Department	1,956	2.22%
Sweetwater Police Department	1,327	1.51%
Aventura Police Department	1,179	1.34%
North Miami Police Department	1,174	1.33%
North Miami Beach Police Department	1,131	1.28%
Opa-Locka Police Department	1,129	1.28%
Doral Police Department	786	0.89%
Florida City Police Department	715	0.81%
Coral Gables Police Department	609	0.69%
South Miami Police Department	447	0.51%
Sunny Isles Police Department	395	0.45%
Pinecrest Police Department	284	0.32%
Hialeah Gardens Police Department	264	0.30%
Miami Springs Police Department	222	0.25%
Virginia Gardens Police Department	25	.03%
Total	88,111	100.00%
Source: Criminal Justice Information System, Jail Booking and Release Counts for 2011		