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## Inmate locator allows public to access prisoner information

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Expanded information about the men and women incarcerated in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is now available to the public on the CDCR-run "Inmate Locator."

The Inmate Locator on the CDCR website allows anyone to search for an inmate by name or CDCR number.

The Inmate Locator provides:

- An inmate's CDCR number
- An inmate's age
- Where the inmate is housed (with a link to a map of the prison's location)
- When the inmate was last committed to CDCR
- When the inmate is

scheduled for release from CDCR (month and year only)

- If the Board of Parole Hearings (parole board) is required to recommend the inmate's release, the Inmate Locator will display the type of hearing, such as:
  - A nonviolent offender hearing
  - A youth offender hearing
  - An elderly parole hearing

Inmates serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole will not have a parole consideration date displayed.

Condemned inmates will not have a parole consideration date displayed.

Inmates who have been recently committed to CDCR will not have parole consideration date available for display nor will inmates who are serving a sentence from another state pursuant to the Interstate Compact Agreement, or other inmates who are similarly situated.

Inmates also included in the Inmate Locator are those in a community correctional facility, fire camp, or other facility that is not a prison, but the inmate's specific location will not be disclosed.

Not included in the Inmate Locator are those under witness protection or who are being housed under special circumstances for their own safety.

The information on the Inmate Locator will be updated on a regular basis.