

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to MCL 791.240(4)**  
**Quarterly Report of Parole Absconders**  
**July 1, 2007**

*Section 4 of Public Act 487 of 2006:*

- “The Department shall report to the legislature on a quarterly basis both of the following:
- (a) The number of parolees who are absconders.
  - (b) The number of parolees who have been absconders for more than 3 months.”

Analysis of information contained in the Department’s CMIS data base showed that:

- As of June 27, 2007, there were 2,733 parolees listed as absconders.
- Of the 2,733 absconders, 1,663 had been on abscond status for more than 90 days.

It is worth noting that the number of absconders is holding steady at a couple of hundred lower than the peak years earlier in this decade, the average time at large is declining, and 91% of these cases are Very Low, Low or Middle risk for assaultive behavior on parole.

It is also worth noting that almost 74% of all absconders were placed on that status within the past fifteen months, demonstrating that most cases are resolved within a comparatively short time. It is also worth noting that about eight (8) of every ten (10) absconders are ultimately continued on parole supervision following detection; generally with a local sanction and frequently under increased terms of supervision. The principal determinant of whether an offender gets continued on parole is the assessment of risk to the public. If it is determined that the parolee does not present a significant risk of harm apart from a failure to report or an unreported move, the chances are quite high that he/she will be allowed to remain in the community, albeit with adjusted supervision requirements.