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1. Operation Return II Brings Eighth Sex Offender Fugitive to Justice - Operation Return II is a collaborative effort involving local, state, and federal partners including the U.S. Marshals Service, designed to locate, apprehend and return Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) Level 2 or 3 sex offender probation absconders to the wanting jurisdiction in New York State for prosecution on the associated violation of probation (VOP) and to face any criminal charges.

2. Roadside Stop Phase II Begins - In January, Roadside Stop Phase II became operational, providing local and state police with the capability of electronically notifying probation departments of a roadside stop involving a probationer.

3. Governor's Commission on Youth, Public Safety and Justice Reports-- The Commission delivered its comprehensive report on Jan. 19 following a thorough review of current New York State law and practice in both the criminal and juvenile justice systems, an extensive analysis of national practice input from practitioners across the State through focus groups, interviews, and public hearings and site visits to adult and juvenile confinement settings. The Commission recommended that New York State phase in an increase in the age of juvenile jurisdiction to age 18. This one change should trigger a more comprehensive series of reforms in order to place New York as a national leader in youth justice policy. These reforms would ensure that interventions proven to be effective with adolescents are used for 16- and 17-year-olds, reserve confinement only for those who pose a significant risk to public safety, protect young people through the use of juvenile facilities regardless of the court system in which they are sentenced, create capacity for young people to avoid a lifelong criminal record for one adolescent mistake and provide a rehabilitative response for all minors accused of committing a crime, thereby reducing reoffending and making communities safer. The Commission recommends 38 different reforms which can be found in both the summary and full reports:

Summary:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/ExecutiveSummaryofCommissiononYouthPublicSafetyandJusticeRecommendations.pdf>

Full report:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/ReportofCommissiononYouthPublicSafetyandJustice.pdf>

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4. Justice Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant – Erie County SIM Report Out - On Jan. 30, Erie County brought nearly 50 strategic partners together to hear a report out on its Sequential Intercept Mapping exercise, which identified strengths and areas for growth in the interaction of the criminal justice system and the mentally ill. This was the final report out of the 10 JMHCP grant counties selected to participate in this program.

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5. Field Visit to the Seneca County Probation Department - DCJS Deputy Commissioner and Director Robert Maccarone and Executive Deputy Director John Adams recently visited the Seneca County Probation Department. The state director discussed the new supervision rule to include merit credit and juvenile contact substitution components, real-time video reporting technology, the upcoming Caseload Explorer changes and the positive impact of probation work on public safety through such efforts as DNA collection and use of evidence-based practices. The Seneca County Probation Department shared with OPCA that their DNA collection efforts helped solve a serious sex crime and brought closure to a crime victim. This is another example of probation fulfilling its crime fighting and victim advocacy role.

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6. OPCA Quality Assurance Review Visits to IID Installation/Service Providers- Shaina Kern of OPCA recently wrapped up a series of regional site visits to Ignition Interlock Device Installation/Service Providers to help ensure rule compliance with Title 9 NYCRR Part 358. Those visits were to the following counties: Albany, Monroe, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Westchester, Chemung, Broome, Suffolk and Nassau. As part of those visits, Shaina met with both probation and conditional discharge monitors to discuss Leandra's Law, DWI and IID-

related topics. Additionally, many IID Monitors in those counties attended the Installation/Service Provider site visits with Shaina, something we encourage others to consider on future site visits. Please contact Shaina at Shaina.Kern@dcjs.ny.gov with any questions.

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7. OPCA Trainings

- “ OPCA trained a total of 3,504 probation, ATI and Re-entry professionals in 2014. Last year, OPCA provided increased training for the ATI and Re-Entry communities in the cognitive behavior and risk assessment arenas, specifically the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Thinking for a Change (T4C) cognitive behavioral training, Women’s Risk and Need Assessment (WRNA), Offender Workforce Development (OWDS) and NYCOMPAS Risk and Need Assessment Training.
- “ The first OSST/Peace Officer/Fundamentals of Probation Practice Training for 2015 began on March 2 and will continue through March 27. This training would not be possible without the many instructors from the probation community who travel to Albany to share their experiences and expertise with the new probation officers.
- “ The next Peer Advocacy Support Group training is scheduled for March 12 at DCJS in Albany for the Justice Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Phase 2 county probation departments. The audience will be members of the probation departments from Erie, Niagara, Onondaga, Orange and Albany counties, their mental health practitioners and MH peer representatives. Representatives from the probation departments in Schenectady, Westchester, Rensselaer, and Monroe counties will also attend... The departments of correction for Monroe and Westchester counties will observe the training.
- “ On March 5, Shaina Kern of OPCA, along with Monique Magwood of the Office of Justice Court Support and Niagara Falls City Court Chief Judge Mark A. Violante presented at the New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals (NYADTCP) on "DWIs in Town and Village Courts".
- “ OPCA conducted the **2015 Annual Probation Executive Leadership Training** in Albany on Feb. 23 and 24. This is required training for new -probation directors, who this year included directors from Cayuga, Chautauqua, and Albany counties. Thank you to all who participated and made this year’s training successful.
- “ The OPCA ATI Unit conducted a series of webinars in January and February to address standardized milestones for defender-based advocacy programs, community service and pre-trial service programs.

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8. Recent 2014 State Director’s Memoranda

SDM 2015-1 Roadside Stop Phase II—Issued Jan. 6, 2015

SDM 2015-2 Real Time Video Reporting —Issued, Jan. 22, 2015

All State Director’s Memoranda are available online via the IJ Portal. To access them, log on to the IJ Portal, and click on Resources, Reference Library, Probation and Director’s Memoranda.

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9. Practice Tip: As you will recall, through Chapter 491 of the Laws of 2012, CPL 510.30 was revised to require criminal courts to consider an arrested individual’s history of use or possession of firearms, and any violation of an order of protection issued by *any* court for the protection of a member or members of the same family or household as such term is defined in CPL 530.11(1), whether or not the order is currently in effect,

when considering release on recognizance or setting bail requirements for those charged with a crime or crimes against a family or household member. When providing information to the courts at the pre-trial stage, probation departments and pre-trial services programs are reminded to report such firearm and order of protection information for the judge's consideration. Authorized users should utilize the Domestic Incident Repository, Order of Protection Registry, and Criminal History information available through the IJ Portal as necessary when reviewing these factors. Please consult with your Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) for additional information regarding access to and utilization of these resources. For more information on Chapter 491 of the Laws of 2012, please refer to State Director's Memorandum 2013-3 as posted in the IJ Portal.

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**10. Quick Fact:** Many statistical reports prepared by DCJS' Office of Justice Research and Performance (OJRP) are posted on the DCJS public website at <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/stats.htm>. Posted reports such as the *Probationer Felony Re-Arrest Rates Following Sentence to Probation* (10 Year Cohort Recidivism Report) and the *Raise the Age* related reports may be very helpful to probation departments.

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