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1. Operation Return II and New York State Crime Stoppers brings 10th sex offender fugitive to justice

In August, John Tryon, a Level 2 sex offender who absconded from probation supervision in Oswego County, was apprehended with the help of New York State Crime Stoppers and the U.S. Marshal's Service. Crime Stoppers assists law enforcement by offering rewards of up to \$2,500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons engaged in criminal activity within the state. Just hours after Tryon's information was posted on the Crime Stoppers website and Facebook page, a tip came in via a hotline and Tryon was apprehended by Oswego Police at an area homeless shelter. Tryon was wanted since January 2013. Tryon is the 10th sex offender apprehended and returned under Operation Return II, a collaborative effort by local, state, and federal authorities to locate, apprehend and return Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders to face charges in the jurisdiction from which they abscond.

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## 2. Caseload Explorer Version 5.3 brings more than 20 changes to Probation Departments

Caseload Explorer version 5.3 has many new enhancements as well as changes recommended by probation professionals from around the state. Major changes include: itinerary feature, PSI report changes to include electronic signatures, improved ignition interlock service and report, updated contract event and periodic reassessment and case review report, a restitution collection report, a restitution crime report, password changes, workload report changes, updated address list by ZIP code reporting, and document-related features including signatures and ability to save in .PDF format.

Here is the link to the CE version 5.3 Comprehensive Features Guide: [Comprehensive CE Version 5.3 Guide](#)

A webinar related to CE version 5.3 is posted to the following location on the Integrated Justice Portal: Resources → Reference Library → Probation and click on the Training Tab.

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3. Westchester Probation Centennial Program honors first probation officer William Mountenay

The Westchester County Probation Department recently celebrated its centennial program recognizing the 100th anniversary of William E. Mountenay's hiring as the first full-time, salaried probation officer in Westchester County. Hired in 1915, Mountenay was a man dedicated to service and love of his profession. He served as a minister for 20 years and volunteered to serve in the American Expeditionary Services as an overseas secretary in Europe during World War I. Westchester County hired the first probation officer in response to what was then the state Probation Commission. A new monument in Mountenay's memory was placed at a previously unmarked gravesite at the Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla. The monument was purchased with donations from probation professionals in Westchester County with additional donations from a Westchester County Probation Officer Association sponsored bake sale. "Reverend William Mountenay and the Origins of the Probation System in Westchester County" was published in the Spring 2015 edition of Westchester Historian Magazine and tells the full story of the hire. Author Anthony Czarnecki conducted extensive research on Mountenay and also donated to the fund for his memorial.

Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino; Robert Maccarone, deputy commissioner of the state Division of Criminal Justice Services and director of the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives; Rocco Pozzi, commissioner of the Westchester County Probation Department; and Czarnecki attended the centennial program in White Plains along with other guests.

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## 4. Project Growth Juvenile Justice Program at Albany County Probation

Project Growth, a restorative justice program for youth in Albany County, is designed to provide internship opportunities for youth adjudicated as juvenile delinquents who have been Family Court-ordered to make restitution payments to their victims. They earn a stipend to pay off all or some of their restitution obligation and earn a small amount of additional money to keep for their participation. Participating youth also apologize to the victim as part of the process. The internships bridge the gap between educational and professional worlds by giving youth hands-on experience in a supervised environment, with this work paying back the community

for the harm caused by the offender's crime. In addition, these youth also participate in workshop training in employability, communication and financial literacy skill building. A transition coach also assists the youth in building personal and professional goals to prepare for entry into adulthood and into the workforce. Program goals include increasing victim compensation, holding youth accountable for the consequences of their crime, and decreasing recidivism by teaching marketable skills and empowering youth to effectively transition into the workforce. The program was developed in 2014 under the leadership of the Albany County Department of Law and in partnership with the Albany County Probation Department, the Albany County Sheriff's Department and Mission Accomplished –a local community agency. Read more here: [Project Growth Juvenile Justice Program Article](#)

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## 5. New York State Probation Officers Association Annual Conference

OPCA provided continued scholarship, workshop, and award support to the association's annual conference in Syracuse in August. OPCA provided 33 registration scholarships for attendees from probation departments throughout New York, presented three workshops on juvenile justice, domestic violence, and the eJustice New York Integrated Justice Portal. Two senior probation officers also received OPCA's *Outstanding Service by a Probation Officer* awards: John Lonsberry, a senior probation officer from Wyoming County, and Stephen Larsen, a senior probation officer from Suffolk County. Both Lonsberry and Larsen received their awards for outstanding work around the management of sex offenders on probation and their collaboration in the community.



John Adams, Robert Maccarone, and John Lonsberry



John Adams, Robert Maccarone, and Stephen Larson

Other award winners at the conference included:

- Terrence Gorman, Westchester County probation officer: *Presidential Distinguished Service Award A*
  - Kristin Jatko, Suffolk County probation officer: *Presidential Distinguished Service Award B*
  - Marcella Carson, Lindsey Cortes, Jennifer Drake, Tiffany Harper: Giasante, Richelle Nuwer, Niagara County probation officers: *Jeannie Farrel Award of Achievement*
  - Aaron Ferretti, Suffolk County probation officer trainee: *Award of Honor*
  - Britney Grasman, Suffolk County probation officer trainee: *Award of Honor*
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6. Residential Stabilization Forum conducted in Albany

In July, OPCA and DCJS Office of Justice Research and Performance sponsored a full-day program on the Residential Stabilization Center Model in Albany. Nearly 40 people attended, including representatives Project MORE (Dutchess), TASC CD (Albany), Bronx Addiction Services Integrated Concepts System, Inc. and Services for the Under Served (New York City). Additionally, probation departments from Albany, Dutchess, Montgomery, Rensselaer and Warren counties were represented. Several probation departments recounted their positive experiences working with the Residential Stabilization Centers, which are also open to alternatives to incarceration programs working with eligible clientele. Centers are contracted to serve 212 people, but often end up serving more. The research is promising on the center model and the positive effect it is having on reducing recidivism.

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## 7. Sixth Annual Ignition Interlock Device Qualified Manufacturers' Conference and IID Manufacturer's and Monitors Reporting Workgroup Convened in July

In July, OPCA hosted the Sixth Annual Ignition Interlock Device Qualified Manufacturers' Conference. The event was attended by 59 people, including probation and conditional discharge Monitors, manufacturers, and other stakeholders in the highway safety community. Anne Dowling, deputy director of the Institute for Traffic Safety Management & Research, provided a statistical overview and update on impaired driving in New York State. OPCA's power point, including statistical overview data, can be found at <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/opca/ignition.htm>. Go to the "Regulations/Laws" tab, the *Presentations* heading and then click, "DCJS-OPCA 6th Annual Ignition Interlock Manufacturers' Conference."

Manufacturers' panelists discussed: device functionality, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration specifications, implementation of 2013 devices in and out of New York, promising practices and lessons learned in other jurisdictions, increasing installation rates, and advancing technologies. The afternoon panel of probation and conditional discharge monitors, judge and defense attorney discussed: strengths and challenges of implementing an effective interlock device program, Leandra's Law revisions, installation rates, and negative events/failed tests and graduated responses. The conference closed out with a presentation on DWIs in town and village courts by Monique Magwood, Esq., judicial outreach liaison, Office of Justice Court Support, and Office of Court Administration.

Also in July, OPCA convened an Ignition Interlock Device Manufacturer's and Monitors Reporting Workgroup. The purpose of the meeting was to begin to examine existing interlock device-related reporting processes and explore the standardization of reporting processes, formats and features, as well as, e-mail notifications to monitors, terminology of events, and website interfaces and features. The meeting was attended by monitors from probation departments, Stop DWI programs, and district attorney's offices, as well representatives from each of the qualified Ignition Interlock Device manufacturers in New York – CST/Intoxalock, Draeger, LifeSafer, and Smart Start. Discussions will continue about the development of a more standardized, streamlined, and efficient reporting structure.

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## 8. OPCA Training

### Thinking for a Change Training

OPCA delivered a National Institute for Corrections' *Thinking for a Change* training for facilitators in Monroe County in August. Seventeen staff representing probation departments, alternatives to incarceration programs, and county re-entry task forces completed the four-day training with Nancy Andino and Nicole Aldi from OPCA and Christine Morsman from the Allegany County Probation Department. This represented the second facilitator training this year.

Another session is beginning Aug. 18 and ends Sept. 23. This 60-hour curriculum is delivered in a blended model, which includes 24 hours of web-based training, 24 hours of face-to-face training in Albany and 12 hours of homework. The Training for Trainers will provide participants with the skills and tools needed to train facilitators using the institute's blended model. OPCA hopes to have a third facilitator training in New York City later this year.

### Task Force Reporting Webinar

OPCA and the DCJS Office of Justice Research and Performance hosted a County Re-entry Task Force webinar was jointly hosted by in August. The purpose was to provide instruction on task force reporting requirements, especially the revised case-specific report as well as the CBI, *Ready, Set, Work!* notification and roster documents. As of July 1, the 19 task forces are now providing CBI and/or employment readiness programming for participants to support successful re-entry efforts. The task forces have served more than 4,300 moderate- to high-risk individuals returning to communities since 2014.

### Upcoming Training

#### **Justice Mental Health Collaboration Program-Emotionally Disturbed Persons Response Team /Crisis Intervention Team Trainings**

As part of the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, there will be two county specific response team trainings scheduled for the last quarter of 2015. One training in Albany County from Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 and the second in Onondaga County from Nov. 9 through Nov. 13. The response team training is synonymous with intervention team training and will include police and other first responders as well as probation officers within the respective counties who supervise probationers with serious mental illness. The training consists of de-escalation skills as well as information on mental illness and community treatment and peer resource presentations. Bernard Wilson at OPCA is the project manager for this program.

#### **Fundamentals of Probation Practice**

OPCA is pleased to announce the next Officer Safety and Survival Training/Peace Officer/Fundamentals of Probation Practice Course beginning Oct. 5 in Albany. The schedule includes Week 1: Officer Safety and Survival Training, Oct. 5-Oct. 6; Peace Officer/Fundamentals of Probation Practice Oct. 7-Oct. 9; Week 2: Fundamentals of Probation Practice Oct. 19-Oct. 23; Week 3 Fundamentals of Probation Practice Oct. 26-Oct. 30; and finally, firearms training provided by the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Nov.16-Nov. 20 and Nov. 23. Registration forms for this session are due to OPCA by Sept. 11.

- New York City Department of Probation recently trained a class of new probation officers. Their training ran from July 28 through Aug. 13.

- Erie County Probation Department will host its Fundamentals of Probation Practice class from Sept. 21 through Oct. 19.
- Westchester County Probation Department will conduct its Fundamentals of Probation Practice class from Sept. 23 through Oct. 9.

**Live Meeting Presentation: Ignition Interlock Devices-Non-Installer Enforcement**

At 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3., Kevin Griffiths of the Broome County Sheriff’s Office, Lisa Lee and Jan Near of the DCJS Office of Public Safety will host a live meeting detailing methods by which police officers can identify and enforce laws related to operators who are driving without a required interlock device or who may otherwise circumvent the device, and provide an overview of the penalties for these offenses. Please contact OPCA Community Correction Representative Maureen McKeown via email at [Maureen.Mckeown@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Maureen.Mckeown@dcjs.ny.gov) or (518) 485-9941 for more information.

**Live Meeting Presentation: LOCADTR 3.0**

At 11:00 a.m. on Sept. 15, Constance Burke and Pat Lincourt of the state Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, in collaboration with OPCA, will host a live meeting to explain changes to the new LOCADTR tool and how they will practically apply to the process of treatment referral. This training will cover the new LOCADTR tool, how it may impact level of care referrals, and what kind of documentation changes officers may see. Please contact OPCA Community Correction Representative Maureen McKeown via email at [Maureen.Mckeown@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Maureen.Mckeown@dcjs.ny.gov) or call (518) 485-9941 for more information.

**Static-99R Online Training**

Specialized assessment is a critical element in the management of sex offenders. As you are aware, Static-99R is the most widely-researched and commonly-used risk assessment tool for sex offenders. Erik Fox, JD, PhD, a certified Static-99R trainer, will be delivering online trainings on the instrument on September 16, October 23, November 21, and December 14, 2015. For more information on these training opportunities, including cost, please visit: <https://www.gjfrinc.com/services/static-99-r/>.

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**9. 2015 Re-entry Job Summits**

Program assessment data collected for the past three years found more than 80 percent of task force participants are unemployed, yet mostly employable. With the cognitive behavioral intervention focus of the 2015-16 program period, employment outcomes are anticipated to increase.

In order to facilitate such outcomes, OPCA is coordinating Re-entry Job Summits and labor market analysis workshops in key regions statewide. The summits are a joint initiative of three state agencies: DCJS and the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and state Labor Department. The first summit was hosted in New York City in May and the second, in July in Albany. These events brought together leaders from 13 task forces, parole bureau chiefs and managers and employment service providers. Attendees heard presentations concerning re-entry employment policy issues, labor market analyses and the challenges facing task forces and parole officers when trying to find employment for former inmates.

Re-Entry Job Summits are slated for Buffalo and Syracuse this fall.

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**10. State Director’s Memoranda**

**SDM #2015-5 issued Aug. 4, 2015**

*Revised NYCOMPAS Practitioner Guidance for Probation and Community Correction Agencies*

[Link to NYCOMPAS Practitioner Guidance](#)

**SDM #2015-6 issued Aug. 13, 2015**

*Probation Practitioner Handbook for the Management of the DWI Offender*

[Link to Probation Practitioner Handbook for the Management of the DWI Offender](#)

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**11. Practice Tip:** When preparing pre-sentence investigations, always check the domestic incident report and the sex offender registry

These resources are available online via the IJ Portal. To access them, log on to the IJ Portal, and click on People; the report and registry will be located as one of the choices. If you do not have them, please contact your TAC; who will then contact DCJS to obtain these databases.

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**12. Quick Fact:** In 2014, probation departments collected more than \$18.4 million in restitution, \$3.6 million in DWI fees, and \$2.8 million in other fines/fees.

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