

CHAPTER 150**(HB 93)**

AN ACT relating to public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 197.170 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) (a) The wardens of the state penitentiaries upon the release of any prisoner or inmate from confinement shall immediately notify:
 1. ***The Circuit Court, the Commonwealth's attorney of the district, and the sheriff of the county where the inmate was sentenced;***
 2. The Circuit Court, the Commonwealth's attorney of the district, the county attorney and sheriff of the county, the chief of police of the city and county, to which the inmate is released;~~;~~ and
 3. Any victim, as defined in KRS 421.500, who has requested that he ***or she*** be notified on release of a particular inmate who victimized him ***or her*** and who has forwarded a current address and telephone number to the Department of Corrections.~~;~~
- (b) ***The notice shall give***~~giving~~ the residence of the person released and the name of the person to whom he ***or she*** was released. The provisions of KRS Chapter 202A notwithstanding, the Department of Corrections may release to the public the information that a petition to involuntarily hospitalize a prisoner has been filed concerning any inmate who is scheduled to be released from custody.
- (2) ***Notice under subsection (1) of this section shall be given by mail, fax, or electronic means at the discretion of the Department of Corrections in a manner to insure receipt***~~If the Circuit Court notified pursuant to subsection (1) of this section is a court other than the court which sentenced the inmate, the warden shall also notify the sentencing court.~~
- (3) Notices received by sheriffs and chiefs of police shall be posted in a conspicuous location where personnel employed by the department may see it. Notices posted ***under***~~pursuant to~~ this subsection shall remain posted for not less than seven (7) days.

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