

April 11, 2018

Staff's Discussion Notes

A meeting of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission (MSGC) was scheduled for April 11, 2019, in Centennial Office Building, Lady Slipper Conference Room, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155. However, due to inclement weather, a quorum of members was not present and no meeting was held. Those members present held a discussion. Present were Commission Chair Justice (Ret.) Christopher Dietzen, Vice-Chair Judge Heidi Schellhas, and Commission members Cathryn Middlebrook and Peter Orput. Also present were MSGC Executive Director Nate Reitz and MSGC staff members Nicole Jaspersen, Jill Payne and Anne Wall. No members of the public were present.

Those present began their discussion at 1:30 p.m.

1. Statewide Tornado Drill Procedure

There was an announcement that there would be a tornado drill at 1:45 p.m., at which time participants were to remain in the room with the doors shut to practice the drill.

2. Legislative Update - Comparison of Omnibus Crime Bills

Chair Dietzen called on Executive Director Reitz who presented *Staff Update: Comparison of Omnibus Public Safety Bills*.

3. Repeat Severe Violent Offender – Clarification on Prior Qualifying MD/GM

Chair Dietzen called on Executive Director Reitz who presented *Staff Issue Paper: Prior Severe Violent Offenses Converted to Misdemeanors or Gross Misdemeanors*. Director Reitz reviewed the policy and questions for the Commission.

4. Issues Related to Escape from Custody

Director Reitz called on Senior Research Analyst Specialist Jill Payne to present *Staff Issue Paper: Escape from Custody under Minn. Stat. § 609.485*. Ms. Payne reviewed the background, policies, questions for the Commission, and possible reform options.

5. Issues Related to Theft Offenses

Chair Dietzen called on Executive Director Reitz who presented *Staff Issue Paper: Issues Related to Theft Offenses*. Director Reitz reviewed the background, policies, questions for the Commission, and possible reform options.

6. Ranking Counterfeiting Currency

Chair Dietzen called on Executive Director Reitz who presented *Staff Issue Paper: Unranked Offenses: Counterfeiting Currency under Minn. Stat. § 609.632*. Director Reitz reviewed staff's further analysis of counterfeiting currency and how the Sentencing Guidelines rank similar offenses.

7. Executive Director's Report

Director Reitz reported that Governor Walz's office reported that the Governor is prioritizing appointments for the MSGC membership for next week.

The discussion ended at 3:23 p.m.