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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Expert and Study Available to Provide Background on the Safety of Governor Schwarzenegger's Proposed Release of Tens of Thousands of Prisoners to Solve Budget Crisis.**

The National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) has just released a review of major accelerated release programs across the nation and during the last 20 years. The review shows that in no instance was there any indication that releasing prisoners early resulted in an increase in crime. *In some cases, the crime rate dropped.*

Some of the study findings are as follows:

- The studies revealed no significant difference in rates of recidivism among accelerated release and full-term prisoners.
- During 18 months of follow up, offenders participating in the Florida Community Control Program had lower rates of new convictions compared to those that spent 9 months in prison.
- Wisconsin, no evidence was found that release 135 days versus 90 days early resulted in a disproportionate increase in criminal activity.
- In Canada, over half of the study group successfully completed their sentences in the community or successfully lived in the community for at least one year post release.

Barry Krisberg, President, of NCCD is available to comment on the review findings and Governor Schwarzenegger's budget proposal. Please contact him at 510-208-0500 x311, [bkrisberg@aol.com](mailto:bkrisberg@aol.com)

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