

Idaho Department of Correction

Brief Sheet — January 2009

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*"Protecting Idaho through Safety, Accountability,
Partnerships and Opportunities for offender change."*



ISCI Riot

Investigators with the Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) have identified 22 inmates who were involved in the riot at Idaho State Correctional Institution. The department has forwarded its findings to the Ada County Sheriff's Office for prosecution. The inmates are currently held in various levels of restrictive housing at ISCI and Idaho Maximum Security Institution.

The riot began at 11:30 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2009. 199 inmates were in the housing unit, Unit 24, when the riot started. Inmates broke furniture, destroyed property, shattered a control room's windows and started a small fire. The Correctional Emergency Response Team responded to the scene and declared the riot under control at 1:05 a.m.

Four inmates were hurt during the riot. All of the injuries are minor. They included a head laceration, a knee injury, a toe injury and aggravation of a prior neck injury.

The officer who was in the control room when the riot started used a shovel to break a window and get away from the rioters. Once in the control room, an inmate burned the surveillance tape that had recorded what had transpired to that point.

IDOC had opened the temporary housing unit earlier in the day to make room for 300 Idaho inmates who were incarcerated out of state. The unit was established in a building that formerly housed inmate work programs.

The department is thankful there were no serious injuries. The incident was quickly controlled and didn't spread to other facilities. Partners inside and outside the agency quickly responded to bring the situation under control.



TITLE 18
CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS
CHAPTER 64
RIOT, ROUT, UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY, PRIZE
FIGHTING, DISTURBING PEACE

18-6401. RIOT DEFINED. Any action, use of force or violence, or threat thereof, disturbing the public peace, or any threat to use such force or violence, if accompanied by immediate power of execution, by two (2) or more persons acting together, and without authority of law, which results in:
(a) physical injury to any person; or
(b) damage or destruction to public or private property; or
(c) a disturbance of the public peace; is a riot.

IDOC MAJOR EMERGENCY HISTORY

- 1971 - Old Penitentiary
Inmates rioted and burned down the kitchen.
- 1973 - Old Penitentiary
Major riot.
- 1980 - ISCI
Major riot lasted 18 hours. Resulted in \$2 million in damages. Two hostages were taken, but their release was successfully negotiated.
- 1988 - ISCI, Unit 9
Inmates rioted and killed a fellow inmate.
- 1997 - ICIO, A Block
Inmates rioted and started a fire in a housing unit.
- 2007 - IMSI, A Block
Inmates on two separate tiers refused orders to return to their cells and began destroying state property. CERT responded and regained control.
- 2009 - ISCI, Building 24
Inmates started destroying property. The incident was quickly controlled. There were 4 minor injuries.

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Inmates Return

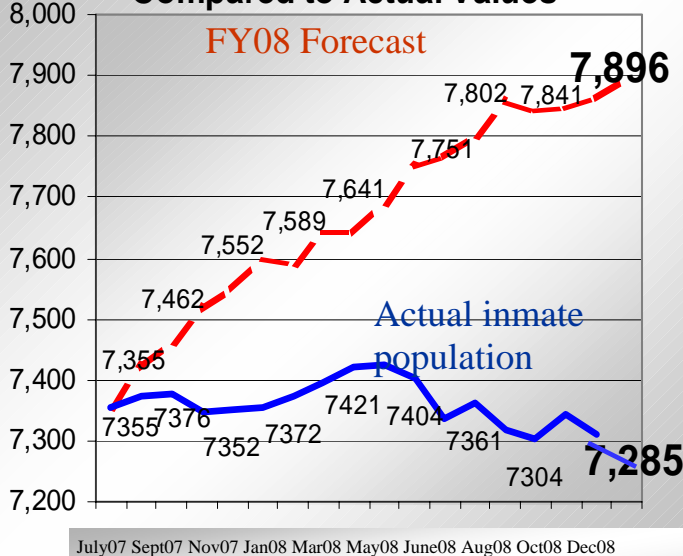
The Governor and Legislature's focus on building a more comprehensive criminal justice system are providing returns.

- Idaho returned 300 inmates from out-of-state facilities on January 4, 2009.
- The inmates will be housed in state facilities, contract beds and temporary housing.
- More than 600 added beds will open at the Idaho Correctional Center this summer.
- 325 Idaho inmates remain in Oklahoma.



Population Facts

IDOC FY 2008 Forecast
Compared to Actual Values



July07 Sept07 Nov07 Jan08 Mar08 May08 June08 Aug08 Oct08 Dec08

*7,285 was the incarcerated offender population on December 31, 2008



- Idaho ended the year with 90 inmates fewer than were in custody last January.
- The inmate population is 611 lower than the FY 2008 forecast.
- Forecasts are based on past trends.
- Every added inmate costs approximately \$21,500 per year so focusing on population management is important.