

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 15:549 and 715) provides for the reporting of escapes from parish prison facilities or jails.

New law adds a notification requirement for inmates who are improperly released.

New law requires the sheriff or the individual in charge of the parish prison, facility, or state correctional facility, at the time it is determined that an inmate has been improperly released from that facility, to immediately notify or take necessary steps to ensure that notification of the improper release is provided to all of the following:

- (1) The appropriate law enforcement agency.
- (2) The victim of the crime for which the inmate was imprisoned.
- (3) The district attorney.
- (4) Local media outlets within the parish, at the discretion of the sheriff or the individual in charge of the parish prison, facility, or the state correctional facility.

New law applies to the improper release of an inmate who has been detained or incarcerated on the basis of an arrest or conviction for a felony crime of violence.

Existing law provides for certain definitions.

New law defines the terms "improper release", "law enforcement agency", "local media outlet", and "supervisor".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 15:715(C); Adds R.S. 15:549(J) and 715(D))