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1995: Hard Time for Armed Crime was enacted by the Washington Legislature to increase sentence time for select sentence enhancements, including firearms and deadly weapons.

July 2, 2002: King decision was issued by the state Supreme Court requiring DOC to reduce the sentences of inmates by crediting the inmates for good time earned in jail.

Early July 2002: DOC changes its good time coding to comply with the King decision. However, the coding fix contained an inaccurate sequencing of applied good time.

December 2012: A victim's family, concerned about the imminent release of an offender, felt he was being credited too much time and did their own calculation of when the inmate should be freed. The family alerted DOC of their concern with his release date. The DOC manually calculated and corrected the specific offender's good time credit. This was the first time the department became aware there was a good time sequencing issue.

December 7, 2012: DOC consulted with legal counsel regarding this error and consequently scheduled a fix for the programming problem to occur during the next scheduled IT update.

December 27, 2012: Wendy Stigall, the records program administrator, filed an 08-058 service request to DOC's IT department explaining the problem and requesting a fix. In the section asking if it was a time sensitive problem, she said yes. "ASAP. This needs to be a Records/SSTA priority. All current ERD's when there is a mandatory enhancement are in error."

December 2012 to January 2016: The coding fix was not implemented.

September 2015: DOC's IT division renews their effort to address the coding error.

November 2 2015: Ira Feuer, DOC's new chief information officer, had an introductory meeting with Stigall. He learned about pending IT requests, including the good time calculation issue.

November 3-6, 2015: Feuer met with the IT application manager to discuss the calculation request. Feuer was told a coding fix was scheduled for January 7, 2016 and was informed that the contractual coding developer who was needed to make the change had been on leave from February-September 2015.

December 15, 2015: DOC's senior leadership team was briefed on the issue.

December 16, 2015: DOC leadership briefs Kelly Wicker, the governor's deputy chief of staff, and Sandy Mullins, the governor's policy advisor.

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December 17, 2015: Jody Becker-Green, Alex MacBain, Ira Feuer, Wendy Stigall and Jeremy Barclay, and Assistant Attorney General Tim Lang met with the governor's executive team to inform them.

December 18, 2015: DOC leadership meets with Gov.

December 18, 2015: DOC ordered a hand calculation of sentences of all affected offenders before they were released, pending an automated coding fix on January 7. The agency began reviewing its records to determine which offenders, already released, needed to be brought back to the system.

January 12, 2016: Sentencing calculation fix was implemented in OMNI.