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Mayor Bowser Grants Early Release to Several Residents Held in the DC Jail

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(Washington, DC) – Today, Mayor Bowser, through authority granted by the "COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020" that was recently passed by the Council of the District of Columbia, will grant 75 days of additional good time credits to eligible residents in the DC Jail. Those eligible include residents who are currently in the DC Jail as a result of a misdemeanor conviction. There are currently 36 eligible inmates that the 75-day additional good time credit would apply to. Approximately half of the 36 inmates will be eligible for immediate release as a result of this action, pending no outstanding matters.

On March 17, when the emergency legislation passed, the DC Jail housed 115 sentenced misdemeanants. However, due to the application of good time credits or the expiration of their natural sentence, there are only 36 sentenced misdemeanants remaining in the DC Jail today.

Upon release, these residents will receive social and health services support through staff at the READY Center.

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