



## Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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### **Services to Wrongfully Imprisoned Persons Fiscal Year 2014 Biennial Report**

During this report period, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Reentry and Integration Division has continued to serve wrongfully imprisoned individuals. The division has provided the following services to four Wrongfully Imprisoned Persons:

- Case Management Services to assist in making the transition from incarceration to the community;
- Assistance with accessing medical and dental services, including assistance in completing documents required for application to federal entitlement programs;
- Assistance with accessing mental health treatment and related services through the public mental health system; and
- Assistance in accessing \$10,000 for food, clothing, basic living items and housing in advance of the Comptroller's annuity approval.

Additionally, the Employees Retirement System (ERS) and the Reentry and Integration Division have successfully implemented the provisions for health insurance as outlined in Senate Bill 1686, 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature. The new benefit includes the opportunity for a Wrongfully Imprisoned Person to seek insurance benefits through the ERS at the same cost as state employees. This benefit is only for Wrongfully Imprisoned Persons and does not apply to family members.

During this report period, ten informational packets were distributed to Wrongfully Imprisoned Persons via certified mail to inform them of the new benefit coverage option. Ten persons have enrolled in the insurance program.

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