Module 6: Prisons, Jails, and Community Corrections

Section 6.4: Probation, Parole, And Community Corrections

Absconder: A probationer or parolee that does not "check in" with his or her probation officer within a specified amount of time.

Active Supervision: A type of probation or parole where the client is required to regularly report to a probation or parole officer.

Community Corrections: The supervision of criminal offenders in the resident population, as opposed to confining offenders in secure correctional facilities.

Conditions of Parole: Rules that parolees must follow in order to remain on parole, such as not using drugs and not associating with known felons.


Inactive Supervision: A probation (or parole) status where the probationer does not have to report.

John Augustus: A Boston boot maker that became the "Father of Probation" in the United States.

Parole: A type of early release from prison where the offender must abide by certain specified conditions and be supervised in the community.

Parole Officer: An officer charged with the supervision of offenders sentenced to community–based sanctions.

Parolee: A person who has been released from prison on parole.

Revocation: The act of taking an offender off parole or probation and sending them to prison.

Split Sentence: A type of sentence where the offender spends up to half of the sentence outside of prison under community supervision.

Technical Violation: A violation of the conditions of probation or parole.
**Work Release Program:** A program that allows trusted or closely monitored inmates to leave confinement for the purpose of work, then returning to secure confinement when the workday is complete.