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Harris County judges lenient on dealers despite drug war

HOUSTON (AP) — Judges and juries in Harris County give drug peddlers probation in one of every eight cases, despite a massive push nationally and locally to get dealers off the streets.

While Harris County drug dealers have been more likely to go to prison than those in Dallas County, 12 percent still returned to the streets after leaving courtrooms here, court records show.

Last year, 16 percent of the county's convicted drug dealers won probation, compared to 40 percent in Dallas County courts. And for the first half of 1989, 1,005 drug dealers convicted in Harris County were sent to prison and 116 were released on probation, the Houston Post reported Sunday.

bars," Poe said. "If they choose to make a profit on the weaknesses of other humans, they ought to pay a price."

McSpadden said he only grants probation if the undercover officers

"Most are addicts selling to support their habits. There's no way to resolve the drug issue by locking everybody up."

— **Woody Densen Harris County judge**

Prison terms depended largely on the luck of a random draw that determined which drug dealers faced which judge, the newspaper said.

State district judges Ted Poe and Michael McSpadden, both widely known for their tough law-and-order stands, sent all defendants convicted of drug dealing to prison during the first six months of the year.

"Drug dealers belong behind

who made the arrest recommend it because the dealer could be used as an informant to catch "bigger fish."

Judges Woody Densen and Miron Love, however, granted probation to about 40 percent of the drug dealers during that same period. Eighteen dealers in Love's courtroom got probation, and 15 got the same in Densen's court.

Although Poe said dealers at any age deserve prison, Densen said he

did not believe a young offender should go to prison for a \$10 worth of crack cocaine.

"Most are addicts selling to support their habits," Densen said. "There's no way to resolve the issue by locking everybody up."

Densen acknowledged he is lenient in granting probation, but said he is strict when it comes to probationers following the terms of their probation. He doesn't hesitate to grant someone's probation when the individual's drug use is confirmed.

Love, a longtime judge, was aided by many lawyers to be the fairest in Harris County, and grants probation if he thinks it will interrupt a first-offender's career.

Both Love and Densen said they don't give probation when the amounts of drugs are involved.

Five other district judges granted probation to only one or two out of 12 each granted probation between three and eight drug dealers, and one gave 10 defendants probation.

Juries were asked to decide 10 percent of the drug delivery cases in 1988 and during the first six months of 1989. Defense attorneys say they are likely to send convicted dealers to prison, so defendants generally choose to take their chances with Harris County judges.

Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. said he has his prosecutors from offering probation in plea bargains with drug dealers. The only time he will recommend that policy is if some form of probation work is required as a condition of probation, he said.

But despite tough talk about cracking down on drugs, Harris County Sheriff Johnny Klevenstein said it seems "inevitable" that more drug dealers will return to the streets after leaving courtrooms coming years.

"We're going to fight tooth and nail to keep that from happening," he said.

Newspaper report says political contributions used for personal benefit

AUSTIN (AP) — Top members of the Texas Legislature are using their political contributions to buy homes, airplanes and cars, and to support their private businesses, a newspaper reported Sunday.

While lawmakers are asking voters to triple their \$7,200 annual state salary, some are spending more than that every month from donations to underwrite legislative duties and comfortable lifestyles while working in Austin.

The Austin American-Statesman, in a copyright report, said campaign records showed expenditures ranging from a \$190,000 house to \$2,400 for gift cowboy boots.

Legislators also funneled money to their favorite causes, including the National Rifle Association and evangelist Billy Graham, the newspaper said.

Such expenditures — in addition to gifts and trips many legislators have taken from lobbyists — illustrate lawmakers' dependence on money from special interest groups, critics say.

They say it is hypocritical for lawmakers to accept such money while portraying themselves as underpaid and asking voters on Nov. 7 to boost their salaries to more than \$23,000 per year.

"Look who's paying for the legislators' lifestyle in Austin," Tom Smith of the public-interest group Public Citizen, said.

"It isn't the voters. So tell me, who really owns the Legislature?" Smith asked.

Six years ago, in the wake of criticism that they were living off political supporters, legislators banned personal use of campaign donations. But the law has many exceptions, and some of the criticized practices continue.

According to the American-Statesman's study, \$4.7 million yearly flowed into campaign coffers and office holder accounts of the 47 committee chairmen in the Legislature in 1988.

Lobbyists and political action committees contributed 63 percent of the total. Law firms and individuals made up the rest.

Under state law, office holder and campaign accounts are the same. The money legally can be used for everything from election posters to paying the tab at private clubs.

Only 16 of the 47 chairmen were raising money for contested races or as a prelude to a statewide campaign. The remainder had no opponents and no apparent plans to run for another office, the newspaper reported.

The law allows legislators to use political contributions to defray living expenses in Austin and supplement legislative activities. Lawmakers also may pay such funds to their own businesses if the purpose is primarily political, not personal enrichment.

In one instance, a legislator admitted he mistakenly broke the law when he lent his nursing home \$15,000 in political contributions. There was nothing political about the business's cash-flow problems, Sen. Bill Haley, D-Center, said.

Prison vet will be freed after 41 years

NAVASOTA (AP) — Davis William West, a 68-year-old convict believed to have been in the Texas prison system longer than anyone else, is scheduled to be released this week.

West, who arrived at the Texas Department of Corrections in 1948, is to be discharged from the Pack 1 unit Tuesday after serving actual and good time earned on a 99-year sentence he received from Potter County for assaulting a 15-year-old girl with intent to commit rape.

Prison officials say they recall few, if any, other inmates who have done that much time. Any other convict nearing that length of time behind bars "is probably pushing up daisies," Sgt. Richard Boone, a Pack 1 guard said.

In the 41 years since he was sent to prison, West has been paroled twice — in 1972, when he stayed out 22 months, and again in 1983 when he lasted nine months on the streets.

Inmates receive furloughs despite strict regulations

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — At least three Texas prison inmates convicted of aggravated robbery were among 36 Bexar County prisoners released on furloughs this year, despite new restrictions prohibiting such releases for violent offenders.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday the three were released for unsupervised leaves in Bexar County in spite of stricter regulations.

Last fall, Gov. Bill Clements suspended furlough releases after news reports that Texas permitted several violent offenders to be released on the special passes.

The state prison board suspended inmate furloughs last October, but reinstated the program in November with new restrictions that exclude sex offenders and drug dealers. Murderers and many other violent offenders remained eligible for furloughs.

The Express-News compared prison furlough guidelines with a list of Bexar County inmates who were allowed to take leaves during the first seven months of 1989.

In one case, a Bexar County man sentenced to 10 years in prison for killing his wife, was allowed to visit the county jail July 27 to Aug. 2 this year.

The man has been rejected for parole four times, the last time was less than eight months before he took vacation.

Motorcyclists must wear helmets; 800 new laws take effect this week

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 800 new laws take effect this week, regulating everything from college athletics to cruise ship gambling. But two are considered lifesavers.

Beginning Friday, all motorcyclists will be required to wear helmets. And children under 12 no longer will be allowed to ride in the beds of pickup trucks traveling more than 35 mph.

Lawmakers and law enforcement officials say both measures should begin saving lives almost immediately.

"We are very optimistic that this time next year, we will be talking about a substantial decrease in the number of people killed while on a motorcycle," Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

According to the DPS, 295 traffic deaths in 1988 involved motorcycle riders and operators. Of those, 229 weren't wearing helmets.

Statistics aren't kept specifically on deaths for children under 12, but officials said pickup deaths happen all too frequently.

"It's not a big number each year, but it's sure a way we can save lives," Cox said.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, was an author of the new law. He said action was overdue.

"I saw some article where it quoted somebody as saying that riding in the back of a pickup was a Texas way of life," Parker said. "Well, I submit to you this is one area where Texas leads the nation and, in fact, it is a Texas way of death, and it's time to put a stop to it," he

said when the bill finally passed.

Under the new helmet law, motorcyclists ticketed for failing to wear a helmet will face a fine of \$10 to \$50. Violating the pickup truck law will carry fines of \$20 to \$200.

Cox said the DPS will give Texans 90 days to become accustomed to both new laws, just as troopers did with the mandatory seat belt law that took effect. Warning tickets will be issued during those first 90 days.

Motorists who feel picked on by lawmakers can't hear about one new statute, however. It will cut down on small-town speed traps.

The law was designed to keep towns under 5,000 population from using traffic fines for most of their budgets. The law limits the amount of revenue from traffic fines to 30 percent of town revenues, with the excess forwarded to the state.

A total of 286 new laws take effect Monday, 90 after the end of the Legislature's regular session. Other 594 laws take effect Friday, Sept. 1.

Among the more noteworthy:

- Cruise ship gambling. It's going to be legal and easier.
- Under the new law, ships can offer on-board gambling outside state waters without stopping at a foreign port, as has been required. The change was backed by coastal lawmakers who said it will help boost tourism.
- College athletics. It will be a crime to recruit college athletes with money or gifts.