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ADC Followed Court Orders In Releasing Albert Sermeno

Albert Sermeno was sentenced for a burglary charge on April 4, 2007. He was lawfully released to Community Supervision in June, 2009. The judge's order sentencing Sermeno on this charge did not include any information or notice that ADC was to hold Sermeno on a pending matter. When Sermeno completed his incarceration he was released pursuant to law. An inmate must be released when his sentence is served, unless a court orders otherwise. A prosecuting agency does not have the authority to issue any order to hold an otherwise lawfully-released individual. Any such order must come from a judge in open court and be included in writing upon the inmate's arrival, or during the course of his incarceration with ADC.

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