



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-063**

ORLEANS JAIL BREAK INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, on the morning of May 16, 2025, a grave and unacceptable security failure occurred at the Orleans Parish Correctional Facility (“OPCF”) that resulted in the escape of ten inmates from lawful custody;

WHEREAS, the inmates brazenly breached their cell by cutting through a wall, and they exploited unsecured areas within the facility, scaled a perimeter wall, and unlawfully crossed a major interstate – all without immediate detection;

WHEREAS, there was an inexcusable delay in alerting external agencies and the public, undermining both community safety and public confidence;

WHEREAS, five of the ten escaped inmates remain at large, posing a continued threat to public safety;

WHEREAS, this incident reflects a systemic and deeply troubling breakdown in leadership, security protocol, and operational oversight within the Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office;

WHEREAS, an immediate, independent, and comprehensive investigation must be launched to identify all failures, assign full accountability, and recommend corrective actions;

WHEREAS, protecting the public from violent offenders is a core responsibility of law enforcement, and any breach of that duty demands swift and decisive actions; and

WHEREAS, this investigation must be conducted with complete transparency, full public disclosure, and an unwavering commitment to restoring trust in our criminal justice system.

NOW THEREFORE I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The Inspector General shall obtain an inventory of case files from the Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office and the OPCF for all pre-trial detainees and those awaiting sentences.

Section 2: The Department of Corrections (“DOC”) is ordered to conduct a full audit of the OPCF to ensure its complying with basic jail guidelines.

Section 3: The DOC is ordered to remove all DOC inmates in OPCF custody.

Section 4: The Louisiana Supreme Court is requested to continue its in-depth review of the Orleans Criminal Court System.

Section 5: The Judiciary Commission is requested to perform an in-depth review of statistical data for judicial districts, particularly those located within high crime areas such as Orleans, Jefferson, East Baton Rouge, Ouachita, Rapides, and Caddo Parishes, and establish triggers for investigations into the following:

- The number of cases processed, caseload, management of docket, and failure to move cases in a timely manner;
- The number of judge trials that resulted in a disproportionate rate of acquittals;
- The number of acquittals by judge despite clear evidence of guilt;
- The failure of judges to revoke or modify probation despite violations by the criminal; and
- The granting of probation for violent crimes.

Section 6: Upon continuance of a criminal case, the court clerks are requested to make a notation in the minute entry stating which party requested the continuance.

Section 7: The courts are requested to take appropriate action against prosecutors or defense attorneys who are not prepared for court and who continue cases for reasons without merit.

Section 8: The Metropolitan Crime Commission is requested to establish a data modeling system which will include regular reporting of crime data from the point of arrest to the point of conviction, in order to improve the administration of justice and improve the quality of life for citizens of Louisiana.

Section 9: The Office of the Attorney General shall be the lead investigative agency, and all other state agencies are hereby ordered to assist the Attorney General as needed to complete the investigation.

Section 10: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 21st day of May, 2025.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE