

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
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Phoenix, Arizona 85003



During my four years as Custody Operations Bureau Commander for the Maricopa County (Phoenix), Arizona Sheriffs' Office we have booked over 480,000 prisoners into our booking center at the Madison Street Jail. Additionally, we have released a similar number of inmates through the same intake center. For the first three years, we suffered an erroneous release of an inmate approximately four times each year. Those released were all linked to mis-identification of the person being released. In February 2003, the Sheriff's Office instituted Iris recognition technology to establish positive identification prior to release of each inmate. Since that implementation, we have had zero erroneous releases related to the mis-identification of inmates. In fact, we have discovered several inmates trying to affect their own releases through misrepresenting themselves as other inmates scheduled for release.

The Iris recognition technology has eliminated the human error from our release process, giving me confidence that only those inmates scheduled for release will be released.

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