

Form Summary

Name of Form: Written Explanation of Determinate Life Sentence

Form Number: CR-235

Statutory Reference: §§302.114, 807.15, 973.01(8) and 973.014(1g)(b),
Wisconsin Statutes

Bench Book Reference:

Purpose of Form: Provides a written explanation of a determinate life sentence for crimes committed on or after December 31, 1999.

Who Completes It: Court official.

Distribution of Form: Original to court file, copy to defendant.

New Form/Modification: New form 10/00.

Modification: Updated Form Summary comments only.

Comments: Pursuant to 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, the court no longer is required to read an oral explanation of a bifurcated sentence, but must provide a written copy of the sentence.

When sentencing a person to life imprisonment, the court shall inform the person of the procedure for petitioning for release to extended supervision. If the person is not eligible for release to extended supervision, this section does not need to be explained orally. The form also explains how the term of confinement can be extended through the imposition of penalties for violation of DOC rules.

About this Form: This form is the product of the Wisconsin Record Management Committee and the Director of State Court's Office and a mandate of the Wisconsin Judicial Conference.

If you have additional information that does not change the meaning of the form, attach it as a separate page to this form. The form itself shall not be altered.