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**New York State Department of Correctional Services
Gowanda Correctional Facility Inmate Case Files W0023**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	Gowanda Correctional Facility, located in Erie County, N.Y., is a medium security correctional facility for male felons. Inmate case files describe in great detail the family and social background, arrest, confinement, and release/parole of incarcerated men.
Creator:	New York (State). Department of Correctional Services
Source:	Gowanda Correctional Facility
Title:	Gowanda Correctional Facility inmate case files
Quantity:	9 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1993-2004
Series:	W0023

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Arrangement

Roughly numerical by DIN number.

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Scope and Content Note

This subseries of the general inmate case files series, Series 14610, consists of inmate case files relating to men who were incarcerated in Gowanda Correctional Facility. Inmate case files describe in great detail the family and social background, arrest, confinement, and release/parole of inmates. The content of the case files reflects the role of each institution.

Beginning with inmates released after 1956, only the following case files categories were transferred to the State Archives: inmates who died in custody, sex offenders, inmates of certain minority ethnic groups, inmates who received life sentences, and a 2% sample of all inmates who were released from any correctional facility. All other case files were destroyed.

W0023-21: This accretion documents inmates whose sentences reached maximum expiration dates in 2003-2004. Records only document inmates categorized under specific felony and

central monitoring classes: Class A-1, CMC A status; Arson (1st, 2nd); Kidnapping (1st, 2nd); Conspiracy (1st); Coercion (CMC A, class D only).

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder lists are available at the repository.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Summary information on adult inmates is disclosable under law. State Archives staff will review records containing probation, parole, medical, and juvenile criminal history data and disclose information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law and Personal Privacy Protection Law. The identity of victims of sex crimes is not disclosable. Unless a specific law forbids disclosure indefinitely, all records must be disclosed after 75 years.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This subseries was transferred under RDA 14610 by the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

W0023-21: This accretion was transferred under RDA 16112.

Processing Information

W0023 is formally part of Series 14610, Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Inmate Case Files. To improve access, Series 14610 was divided into "W" subseries corresponding to individual correctional facilities.

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Access Terms

- Administering correctional facilities
- New York (State)
- Erie County (N.Y.)
- Monitoring prisoners
- Gowanda (N.Y.)
- Case files
- Incarcerating criminals
- Correctional institutions
- Prison sentences
- Prisons
- Corrections
- Criminals
- Prisoners
- Inmates of institutions
- Gowanda Correctional Facility