

## Form Summary

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**Name of Form:** Written Explanation of Determinate Life Sentence

**Form Number:** CR-235

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**Statutory Reference:** §§302.114, 807.15 and 973.01(8), Wisconsin Statutes

**BenchBook 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:** New form.

**Modification:**

**Comments:** The statute requires that when a bifurcated sentence is imposed for a felony committed on or after December 31, 1999, the court explain the sentence, orally and in writing, to the defendant. This explanation includes telling the defendant the total length of the sentence, how much time is to be served in prison and how much time will be spent on extended supervision. The committee suggests that if there is more than 1 count that the court orally inform the defendant of the total number of years of incarceration and the total number of years of extended supervision considering both consecutive and concurrent sentences. If there are more than 4 counts use an attached page.

The court is also to consider whether the defendant is eligible for the Challenge Incarceration Program (Boot Camp). Under the present statute, there are no criteria for determining eligibility for boot camp. 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.**