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can reduce someone's likelihood of reoffending. Yet minors or people in their early 20s aren't really thinking about how a criminal record will cost them employment opportunities or get them rejected from apartments, for example.

The brain doesn't fully develop until someone is at least in their mid-to-late 20s, and the part of the brain responsible for decision-making is the last thing to develop.

Steinmetz said those young offenders will eventually realize their mistakes.

Nationwide, people in their 20s commit the most crimes, according to FBI data. The data doesn't sort by people younger than 25 like the Second Look Act, but the older people got the fewer crimes they committed.

People younger than 29 accounted for 42% of the crime in the country, according to the FBI, while people older than 40 were only 21% of offenders.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention found that arrests for violent offenses increase between age 10 and 22. Those rates stabilize from age 23 to 29 and then drop off.

Susan Whitford, program director of criminal justice at the University of Kansas, says completing job training and getting a GED, higher education, mental health counseling and substance use programs are better indicators of potential recidivism than the length of someone's sentence.

"Nothing that deals with human behavior is perfect," Whitford said.

But resentencing someone after seeing how they developed is smarter than keeping someone locked up because that's what their sentence was at the time of their crime, she added.

What would inmates do with a second chance?

Cook said she's hoping to take college courses. Ideally, she'd be a psychologist and she'd help other people in situations similar to hers.

"I want to make a difference in one way or another," she said.

Cook now is closer to family and has a stronger support system. She still has more healing to do in prison, but she said there have been benefits to being locked up. She's taking classes and found prison jobs she likes.

Kansas News Service talked with a handful of inmates under 30 serving longer sentences. Some said if they got out early, they'd spend time trying to teach and mentor younger Kansans. Some inmates found God. Others got away from bad influences.

Calvin Phillips used his time in prison to get a GED. Phillips, who is serving time for a kidnapping and murder charge, said he needed this time in prison.

Phillips was running away from home at 10 years old. His parents got divorced and he lost structure in his life. He'd eventually start running with gangs and selling drugs.

That doesn't excuse his crimes, but Phillips said he is more mature after spending time in prison. He also has completed a handful of rehabilitative programs.

"Everybody don't get it right the first time," he said. "Especially when (we're) young."

It isn't clear who could be eligible for the Second Look Act if it passed. The bill still needs hearings and could be amended. But generally speaking, longer sentences encompass harsher crimes, like murder, armed robbery or sex crimes.

Severe crimes can have a lower recidivism rate. A 2002 study from the Bureau of Justice Statistics found that only 1% of murderers are rearrested for homicides. Another 17% were arrested for violent crimes.

Resentencing those inmates could be less politically acceptable.

In total, 12 states have passed legislation allowing a second look.

Key law enforcement lobbying groups in Kansas haven't commented on any possible Second Look Act. No hearing has been officially held, so officials aren't going to speculate on what could or couldn't be.

USPS

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Postal management also recently announced lower targets for 2025. For example, it expects to deliver regular cards and letters slated for two-day delivery on time just 87% of the time compared to its goal of 93%.

For mail scheduled to be delivered in three-to-five days, USPS now hopes to deliver 80% on time compared to 90% in fiscal 2024.

In an initial hearing on the proposal last month, PRC commissioners voiced skepticism of DeJoy's changes and his larger Delivering for America plan. They suggested the reforms have so far led only to worse outcomes.

"What we've been seeing is declining service, higher prices and continued poor financial results," said PRC Chairman Michael Kubayanda. "If there is an upside in exchange for these painful changes, we have yet to see it."

Robert Taub, the PRC's vice chair, noted he would have hoped to see more progress by the fourth year of DeJoy's vision taking effect.

The commission has repeatedly expressed concern over DeJoy's reforms and earlier last year called on him to pause all changes to his network.

DeJoy has also faced bipartisan pushback from lawmakers over his RTO initiative, including at recent congressional hearings that turned testy.

DeJoy vehemently defended his efforts during hearings last month and said anyone standing in his way would bring about the end of the Postal Service.

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SCOTT COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 2024

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES	$ 81,520.08
COMMODITIES	2,521.37
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	62,582.25
CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,833.87
OTHER	-408,538.45

SHERIFF FUND

SALARIES	61,509.43
COMMODITIES	15,077.92
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,812.24
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,892.16
OTHER	0.00

COUNTY HEALTH FUND

SALARIES	18,156.39
COMMODITIES	9,390.38
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	3,155.73
CAPITAL OUTLAY	8,002.17
OTHER	32,005.00

NOXIOUS WEED FUND

SALARIES	5,050.09
COMMODITIES	8,847.16
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	264.63
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

SALARIES	44,505.55
COMMODITIES	54,387.31
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	41,549.60
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00

FIRE DISTRICT FUND

SALARIES	1,250.00
COMMODITIES	2,976.90
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,049.46
CAPITAL OUTLAY	9,000.00

TREASURER'S SPECIAL FUND

SALARIES	14,205.08
COMMODITIES	0.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	206.09
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
OTHER	254.67

PERRY NOWAK, Chairman

MARIE ALLEN, Scott County Clerk

Household - Gun - Tool AUCTION

Saturday, January 25 • 10:00 a.m.
Wm. Carpenter 4-H Building, Scott County Fairgrounds, North edge of Scott City

Bill and Hester Geurin - Owner

Furniture and Appliances
Large TV stand
Round glass china hutch
Blanket chest
2 Tan divans with end recliners
Amish oak round dining table with 3 leaves and 4 matching chairs
Pine wardrobe with matching dresser and mirror
Bunk beds - double on bottom, single on top
2 Paisley occasional chairs
Kitchen island
Whirlpool refrigerator with top freezer
Queen size bed with wide head board
Full size brass bed
Heavy straight chair

Antique and Collectible
Wash stand
Dresser with mirror
Kerosene lamp
Cup and saucer collection
Abernathy drop front secretary (different)
3 Oak pressed back chairs

Bee Equipment
Suppressor boxes
Bee suits
Bee smoke fogger
Honey making equipment
Honey jars
Other supplies

Guns-Ammo-Reloading
Patriot Gun safe, 30 gun, very good quality

Hand Guns
Browning Model 911, 22 cal.
Browning Buck Mark, 22 cal.
Colt Model Match, 38 special revolver
FIE Model E15 22 cal. revolver
Charter Arms ultra lite 38 special revolver
Ruger 9 x 19 mm cal., Model 13015
Ruger LCP, 380 auto cal.
Taurus ultra-light, Model 85, 38 special cal. revolver
Smith & Wesson Model 4505-1, 45 auto cal., Police Dept. #31
Taurus Judge 45 colt/410 cal. revolver

Rifles
Winchester Model 19, 22 cal.
Savage Mark II, 22 cal.
Mauser 8mm sniper rifle
Savage Model 64, 22 cal.
Ruger 223 cal.
Japanese SKS, 762 cal.
Winchester Model 1894, 30-30 cal.
Winchester Ranger 30-30 cal. lever action, NIB

Shotguns
Winchester Model 37A, 12guage, single shot
Remington Wing Master 870, 12-gauge, pump
Remington Model 1100, 20-gauge, pump
Ithica Model 37, 12-gauge, pump
Ithica 20-gauge, pump
Winchester Model 120, 20-gauge, pump
Ithica 10-gauge, auto
Winchester Model 12, 12-gauge, full choke
Browning 20-gauge, pump, NIB
Winchester Model 1400 Ranger, 20-gauge, auto
Ithica Model 37, 20 gauge
Browning 12-gauge pump
Large selection of ammunition, 22, 223, 45, 380, 12 & 20 gauge and more
Reloading RCBS dies, 357-38 special, 380, 45 colt, 45 auto, 9mm Luger, 30.06
RCBS reloading press
Powder feeder
Reloading scale, trimmer kit
New brass
Bullets
Powder and primers
Digital and dial calipers
Simons spotting scope, 20 x 60

Household Items
Wooden 2-drawer file cabinet, legal size
Pots and pans
Small kitchen appliances
Hair dressing cart
Entry table with mirror
Portable massage table
Weight bench
Dual Trainer exercise bike
Luggage
Pictures
Bedding
Books
Bissell vacuum sweeper
New tins for candle or lotion making
Craft items
Folding chairs
Large Nativity set

Shop Items
Ryobi electric power washer
Electrical supplies
Hand tools
Electric hand tools
Puzzall chain hoist
Shop vac
Craftsman 30-gal 6 hp. air compressor
Ryobi compound mitre saw
Shop Vac

Lawn and Garden Items
4x8 utility trailer
Husqvarna RZ3016 zero turn mower, 16.5 hp, rear bag
Mantis tiller
Scott's fertilizer spreaders
Enduro portable gas generator
Shovels, rakes, hoes, etc.
Push mower
Camping stoves, lanterns, chairs
Commercial electric meat grinder
Memphis BBQ grill-propane and charcoal
STX pellet smoker
Fishing poles
Many other items

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