

STANSBURY TIRED OF JAIL OVERCROWDING

District Attorney Nathan Stansbury said last week that he's tired of state prisoners taking up needed jail space in our parish jails.

Of the parish's 148 inmates last week, 36 of them were waiting transfer to a Louisiana Department of Corrections facility.

State officials say they're aware of the situation, but they're under court order to

keep their populations down. Currently, there are 2,400 prisoners in parish jails and state prisons are at 99 percent capacity.



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Lafayette residents have done more than their share in attempting to alleviate the problem. Examples such as the jail annex and the Halfway House are the first that come to mind.

The Lafayette Parish Police Jury also recently gave the OK to complete all five floors of the new \$15 million jail.

But authorities say that when that facility opens, it too will be filled to capacity.