

WJDK - FM Issues and Program Report Quarter One, 2021

Most stories first aired at 6am, unless otherwise noted.

Washington Capital Building Riot – Sixteenth District Congressman Adam Kinzinger shared his thoughts on social media after pro-Trump protesters broke into the U.S. Capitol Building on January 6th as a joint session of Congress was in session to certify the results of the November 3 Election. A Marseilles man was arrested on January 28th for his role in the capital building riot. **Air dates:** 1/6 – 1/7, 1/28

Criminal Justice Reform Bill 3653 – Between January 7th and early March of 2021, WJDK aired several stories about Criminal Justice Reform Bill 3653. The bill was introduced in early January, passed the Illinois General Assembly on January 13th and was signed by Governor JB Pritzker on February 22nd. The bill eliminates cash bail, mandates the use of body cameras and other items. Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley, John Nicholson with the Grundy County Sheriff's Office, Grundy County State's Attorney Jason Helland, State Representatives Jackie Haas and David Welter along with State Senator Sue Rezin and Patrick Joyce all shared their thoughts about the legislation. **Air Dates:** 1/7 – 1/8, 1/11, 1/15 – 1/16, 2/15 – 2/16, 2/25 – 2/26, 3/1 – 3/2

Three Grundy County Correctional Officers Injured – Three Grundy County Jail Correctional Officers were injured during an altercation on March 3rd. Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley said a nurse was checking on George Sartore, 50, of Diamond after he faked an injury while in the shower area of the Grundy County Jail. While with the nurse, Sartore became combative and a fight ensued. Briley said Sartore allegedly battered a female Correctional Officer in the face several times and pulled her hair. Two other male correctional officers were battered by Sartore, who was eventually subdued by other police officials. The three correctional officers were transported to Morris Hospital and later released. Sartore was charged with the crime on March 17th. Sartore remains in custody. **Air dates:** 3/3 -3/4, 3/17, 3/20

Governor Pritzker Visits Mass Vaccination Site in Morris – Grundy County was designated as Mass Vaccination Clinic on March 9th. The site was at the Former Shabbona School Building on School Street in Morris. It was announced that the Illinois National Guard would be in Morris to assist and Illinois Governor JB Pritzker would also be in attendance on March 11th. Pritzker, State Representative David Welter and Grundy Health Administrator Michelle Pruim also spoke during a press conference at the new site. **Air dates:** 3/9 – 3/12, 3/13, 3/15

LaSalle Veterans Homes Covid Outbreak and Legislation – The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Director Chapa LaVia resigned on January 11th. This comes after numerous questions about the fatal outbreak of Covid-19 cases and deaths at the LaSalle Veterans Home in LaSalle that started on November 1st. State Senator Sue Rezin and State Representative David Welter on March 1st announced new legislation that would implement key recommendations from the Illinois Auditor General's Performance

Audit of the Quincy Veterans Home Legionnaires' disease outbreak. Both lawmakers said the implementation of the recommendations could have saved lives during the deadly LaSalle Veterans' Home COVID-19 outbreak in late 2020. Rezin said 208 cases were reported and 36 individuals died at the LaSalle Veterans home. **Air dates:** 1/11-1/12, 3/2 – 3/3

Also provided important information about state legislation, arrest reports, municipal meetings, and public safety/health reminders throughout the quarter.