

# Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

**Meeting Agenda** 

March 16, 2020, 2:30 p.m. Dallas County Health & Human Services Bldg., Room 627-A 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway Dallas, TX 75207

- I. Welcome and Introductions – The Honorable Elba Garcia, Chair, CJAB
- II. Membership & Infrastructure – Ellyce Lindberg Co-Chair, CJAB
- Minutes Review/Approval\* Ellyce Lindberg Co-Chair, CJAB III.
- IV. Presentations
  - Pre-Trial Bond Hearings & Processes Kim Nesbitt
- V. **Committee Project Updates** 

  - **Bail Bond Committee** –Miguel Canales **Fair Defense Committee** Lynn Richardson
  - Jail Population Committee LaShonda Jefferson
  - Justice of the Peace Judge Steve Seider
  - Law Enforcement/Jurisprudence Chief Jim Spivey, Ellyce Lindberg ٠
  - Pretrial Committee Commissioner Garcia, Jeff Segura
  - **Reentry** Christina Melton Crain
  - **Research Committee** Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez
- VI. Program Update
  - Local Data Advisory Board Miguel Canales
- VII. **Public Comments**
- **VIII.** Announcements
- IX. Next Meeting Schedule
  - June 15, 2020



## Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board General Membership Minutes for Monday, December 16, 2019

**Welcome & Introductions**, Commissioner Dr. Garcia, called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. All in attendance made customary introductions.

## Membership & Infrastructure:

There were no changes to membership or infrastructure at this time.

## Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the CJAB General Membership meeting held on September 16, 2019, were made a part of the packet. There was a motion made to accept the minutes as printed.

## **Presentations:**

## Dallas County Jail Deflection Program – Christina Smith

Commissioner Garcia introduced the speaker Christina Smith and read short bio.

Ms. Smith started the presentation by saying that mental health has been a very serious topic over the last few years and as a result, State Legislators has been increasing the budget for mental health services. With the cooperation of several partners, they are currently in the process of building a deflection center. Ms. Smith continued and stated why we need a Deflection Center. Often non-violent minor offenses are the means by which a large number of individuals with mental health needs encounter law enforcement and are subsequently arrested. These individuals are often difficult to engage, have barriers to identifying and accessing resources in the community, and are familiar only with crisis-based services. It will also provide an opportunity to engage cyclical high-need clients that have low potential for prosecution and an inordinate use of community resources.

Ms. Smith stated that when we look at the jail population these individuals are frequently without financial means to gain their release, they may be detained over a period of weeks to months. Individuals that are found incompetent to stand trial may be held in jail and placed on a state hospital waitlist and wait for months to over a year for an open bed at a state mental health facility, if no other options are available or appropriate. This all leads to more people in jail with

resulting direct and indirect costs. Individuals are typically housed in a jail for a minimum of \$70 per day and typically require specialized psychiatric care and prescription medications. This ends up costing tens of thousands of dollars over a year, to house this population.

Ms. Smith reported that if we look at Dallas County Book-Ins from January 1 – June 30, 2019, there was a total of 31,660 book-ins and of those 2,932 were identified as low-level offenses: Criminal Trespass 1,046, Possession of Marijuana 1,240 and Theft (over \$100<\$750) 636 book-ins. If we break it down even further, of the total low level book-ins 2,932, there were 1,313 identified with a mental illness AIS flag: Criminal Trespass 640, Possession of Marijuana 412 and Theft (over \$100<\$750) 261 book-ins.

Ms. Smith stated that the Deflection Center Proposal would be to identify a "one stop shop" drop off facility to be used at the time of intervention by law enforcement. Transport client to deflection center in lieu of incarceration, and engage community partners to assist with providing needed care ranging from follow-up engagement, peer support, same-day access to services, to crisis stabilization. Ms. Smith further stated that the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 16.23 states law enforcement should make a good faith effort to divert an individual suffering a mental health crisis or the effects of substance abuse to a proper treatment facility, if there is an available facility. The diversion is reasonable, the offense committed is a non-violent misdemeanor, and the mental health crisis or substance abuse is the suspected reason, the individual committed the alleged offense. Some additional admittance criteria is for individuals who are found committing or attempting to commit criminal trespass, are in need of behavioral health crisis, are not experiencing a medical crisis, are not menacing nor acting in an aggressive manner, and would be better assisted through community-based services as opposed to incarceration.

Ms. Smith reported that some of the services provided, might be medical screening/services, behavioral health screening/services, crisis respite, peer support, and transitional services like housing assistance and benefits assistance. The process is currently in the early stages. The initial roll out will involve one drop-off deflection center, and additional locations may be added later based upon data collected from initial drop-off location. Lastly, funding for the deflection center can stem from Senate Bill (SB) 292 through the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, if matching funds, either in-kind or dollar for dollar are available. Another funding source that is being explored is corporate funding.

During questions, there was some discussion as how many beds will the deflection center hold. It was reported they will start with 16 beds for time being, and as the needs arises, the plan is to eventually double the bed space.

Judge John Creuzot reported that he has met the DART Police Chief, and spoke about the new proactive approaches DART police officers are taking in dealing with mental health and criminal trespass offenders. It was reported that DART police officers are engaging these offenders and speaking to them about their destination and allowing them to get there without incident. This approach has reduced the number of arrests for this population due to officers no longer forcing offenders off the DART and therefore getting in a situation that may end up in a physical altercation/arrest.

## **Committee Project Updates:**

## Bail Bond:

Miguel Canales provided the update. The Bond Forfeiture Judgment Report reflected judgment totals from January – November 2019 of \$1,565,533 for 2,643 cases. The Account 62 reports reflected total bond forfeitures collected by the felony courts in November 2019 was \$46,185. For the same reporting period, the misdemeanor courts collected \$79,734.

## Fair Defense Committee:

Lynn Richardson gave the update. She reported there have been some concerns with defendants that are being arraigned in city courts that are indigent and requesting council, once they arrive to county jail their information is not is not transferred to the system. Therefore, this slows the process down and defendants end up sitting in jail without council representation for a longer period due to their request for council not being processed. Ms. Richardson reported that she is currently working with Ellyce Lindberg, Keta Dickerson and IT to try to resolve this issue.

## Jail Population Update:

LaShonda Jefferson introduced herself as the new Jail Population Manager. The December 2019 Jail Population meeting was cancelled, however a packet was created for stakeholders. Excerpts from that packet can be found on pages 25 through 29 of the CJAB packet. Mrs. Jefferson stated that the jail population for this date is 5,318. The November average jail population was 5,138 and the yearly average is 4,995.

## Justice of the Peace:

Judge Steve Seider gave the update. He reported that the JP Court Management System has made some progress but nothing significant as of yet. The JP met with DA's Office, both with Criminal and Civil Division, regarding older cases that are uncollectable. They are looking at a process of cleaning up those cases. Judge Seider reported that they are also not getting accurate information on active warrants. They want to make sure that when the warrants are cleared by JP court, that it is properly communicated. IT has been helpful in crafting reports that help facilitate the day-to-day operations of the JP. Judge Seider reported that in regards to DART, fare enforcement officers are citing individuals without proper ID and these individuals may sometimes lie about their name and date of birth. This can create driver license holds on innocent individuals who were never cited. There was a tornado that damaged the North Dallas Government Center, and as a result some of the staff from that court are now housed in Judge Seider's court. The new North Dallas Government Center is under construction and should be up and running soon. It has been anticipated that February 6<sup>th</sup>, will be the official move in date.

## Law Enforcement/Jurisprudence:

Chief Jim Spivey was not present, and Ellyce Lindberg gave the update. There was no meeting scheduled this past quarter. We will be looking at scheduling a meeting sometime next year.

## Pretrial:

Jeff Segura gave the update. Pretrial started the implantation of the Public Safety Risk Assessment Tool on December 16, 2019 in the intake area of the jail. The tool is still not fully integrated with the systems; however, intake officers are completing the tool on defendants coming into the jail. Pretrial continues to look for support in expanding their services. During the Pretrial subcommittee meeting, they have requested adding additional supervisors and officers to help continue to grow and expand Pretrial Services. Pretrial Services presented a resolution to CJAB requesting new positions to support Pretrial Services. A motion was made by Judge Cruezot, and second by Lynn Richardson. Resolution passed unanimously.

## Reentry:

Christina Crain could not attend the meeting and sent an update to Miguel Canales. The 2019 Texas Reentry Symposium was held in September. The event was sold out. Dallas County was well represented at the event. Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia received the 2019 Susan McHenry Golden Key Award for her tireless work in the area of criminal justice reform. We are so grateful to her and all that she has and continues to do for our community. Jeff Segura from Dallas County Pretrial participated on a panel discussing available resources for those with criminal backgrounds. It was a great event and we are looking forward to the 2020 Symposium. New agencies and organizations are being added to the Community Network daily. If you are not a partner/provider with Unlocking DOORS and wish to be one, please contact Christina Melton Crain at 214-215-8152 to enroll.

## Research:

Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez gave the update. Dr. Gonzalez stated there was an article published by Health Affairs on the US Firearm-Related Mortality. This article is an interesting read, and was asked to be shared with CJAB. The research subcommittee meeting was rescheduled until next year.

## Program Update:

## Link2Care:

Dr. Gonzalez reported that the Link2Care project continues to progress. She did report that the project has experienced more lost phones by the project population than was anticipated, but they are continuing to assess project processes, and overall, the project is progressing well. The project will be looking to go for another year. Therefore, instead of five years it would be six years. The project is currently half way through.

## **Public Comments:**

None

## Announcements:

The next CJAB meeting will be held on March 16, 2020, at 2:30pm.

## Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved at 3:38PM.

#### Dallas County District Attorney's Office Bond Forfeiture Unit Statistical Reporting January through December 2019

For the	Number	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Total
Week of	of Cases				
January 7, 2019	64	\$3,432.74	\$21,130.00	\$7,144.00	\$31,706.74
January 14, 2019	75	\$1,074.70	\$25,285.00	\$16,576.00	\$42,935.70
January 21, 2019	16	\$2.041.34	\$6,100.00	\$0.00	\$8,141.34
January 28, 2019	16	\$869.44	\$6,343.00	\$0.00	\$7,212.44
January Total	171	\$7,418.22	\$58,858.00	\$23,720.00	\$89,996.22
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For the	Number	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Total
Week of	of Cases			U U	0
February 4, 2019	18	\$1,468.26	\$7,128.00	\$5,000.00	\$13,596.26
February 11, 2019	105	\$4,247.13	\$31,016.00	\$13,500.00	\$48,763.13
February 18, 2019	67	\$4,200.01	\$21,282.00	\$8,394.00	\$33,876.01
February 25, 2019	10	\$1,428.87	\$3,670.00	\$1,500.00	\$6,598.87
February Total	200	\$11,344.27	\$63,096.00	\$28,394.00	\$102,834.27
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For the	Number	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Total
Week of	of Cases				
March 4, 2019	12	\$835.82	\$4,760.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,595.82
March 11, 2019	71	\$909.49	\$22,766.00	\$7,402.00	\$31,077.49
March 18, 2019	49	\$1,820.81	\$15,389.00	\$11,137.00	\$28,346.81
March 25, 2019	9	\$577.25	\$3,480.00	\$0.00	\$4,057.25
March Total	141	\$4,143.37	\$46,395.00	\$33,539.00	\$84,077.37
For the	Number	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Total
Week of	of Cases				
April 1, 2019	16	\$1,390.74	\$6,254.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,144.74
April 8, 2019	89	\$4,661.69	\$29,609.00	\$20,639.00	\$54,909.69
April 15, 2019	40	\$863.32	\$14,895.00	\$16,000.00	\$31,758.32
April 22, 2019	17	\$1,306.14	\$6,608.00	\$30,180.00	\$38,094.14
April 29, 2019	6	\$427.99	\$2,384.00	\$0.00	\$2,811.99
April Total	168	\$8,649.88	\$59,750.00	\$68,319.00	\$136,718.88
For the	Number	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Total
Week of	of Cases				
May 1, 2019	1	\$234.00	\$312.00	\$0.00	\$546.00
May 6, 2019	12	\$335.05	\$4,668.00	\$18,500.00	\$23,503.05
May 13, 2019	94	\$2,767.30	\$30,514.00	\$31,942.00	\$65,223.30
May 20, 2019	124	\$4,151.34	\$38,765.00	\$19,745.00	\$62,661.34
May 27, 2019	8	\$677.78	\$3,087.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,764.78
May Total	239	\$8,165.47	\$77,346.00	\$73,187.00	\$158,698.47
For the	Number	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Total
Week of	of Cases				
June 3, 2019	26	\$1,253.00	\$8,872.00	\$0.00	\$10,125.00
June 10, 2019	69	\$950.79	\$24,321.00	\$4,942.00	\$30,213.79
June 17,2019	91	\$3,126.32	\$32,312.00	\$19,164.00	\$54,602.32
June 24, 2019	11	\$354.96	\$4,356.00	\$0.00	\$4,710.96
June Total	197	\$5,685.07	\$69,861.00	\$24,106.00	\$99,652.07

Grand Total for Period	2811	\$92,754.42	\$874,992.00	\$790,141.00	. ,
December Total	168	\$5,887.14	\$56,472.00	\$129,995.00	\$192,354.1
December 16, 2019	134	\$3,128.29	\$43,056.00	\$84,995.00	\$131,179.2
December 9, 2019	23	\$2,144.53	\$9,060.00	\$15,000.00	\$26,204.5
December 3, 2019	11	\$614.32	\$4,356.00	\$30,000.00	\$34,970.3
For the Week Ended	Number of Cases	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Tota
November Total	277	\$7,751.57	\$88,491.00	\$98,918.00	\$195,160.5
November 25, 2019	5	\$246.23	\$1,988.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,734.2
November 18, 2019	128	\$1,889.70	\$41,668.00	\$73,418.00	• •
November 11, 2019	11	\$1,865.80	\$4,356.00	\$1,500.00	
November 4, 2019	133	\$3,749.84	\$40,479.00	\$22,500.00	\$66,728.8
For the Week Ended	Number of Cases	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Tot
October Total	412	\$9,981.46	\$68,272.00	\$60,306.00	\$138,559.4
October 28, 2019	16	\$1,670.32	\$6,336.00	\$4,000.00	\$12,006.3
October 21, 2019	236	\$752.07	\$8,085.00	\$1,500.00	
October 14, 2019	133	\$2,955.33	\$43,155.00	\$22,306.00	. ,
October 7, 2019	27	\$4,603.74	\$10,696.00	\$32,500.00	
For the Week Ended	Number of Cases	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Tot
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September Total	500	\$10,685.91	\$165,523.00	\$103,480.00	\$279,688.9
September 30, 2019	1	\$9.02	\$396.00	\$0.00	\$405.0
September 16, 2019	250	\$5,507.24	\$84,000.00	\$71,946.00	. ,
September 9, 2019	240	\$4,697.10	\$77,563.00	\$29,034.00	
September 2, 2019	9	\$472.55	\$3,564.00	\$2,500.00	\$6,536.
For the Week Ended	Number of Cases	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Tot
August Total	193	\$6,921.31	\$67,759.00	\$94,616.00	\$169,296.3
August 26, 2019	19	\$707.94	\$7,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$48,707.9
August 19, 2019	28	\$1,950.35	\$10,247.00	\$25,020.00	. ,
August 12, 2019	114	\$3,740.69	\$39,305.00	\$25,679.00	. ,
August 5, 2019	32	\$522.33	\$11,207.00	\$2,917.00	\$14,646.3
Week of	of Cases	4			4
For the	Number	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Tot
July Total	145	\$6,120.75	\$53,169.00	\$51,561.00	\$110,850.3
July 29, 2019	20	\$629.18	\$7,802.00	\$19,505.00	\$27,936.3
July 15, 2019	45	\$994.06	\$16,115.00	\$4,556.00	\$21,665.0
July 8, 2019	61	\$2,211.62	\$21,728.00	\$2,000.00	
July 1, 2019	19	\$2,285.89	\$7,524.00	\$25,500.00	\$35,309.3
Week of	Number of Cases	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment To

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For the	Number	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Total
Week of	of Cases			U	0
January 6, 2020	13	\$944.83	\$5,152.00	\$17,000.00	\$23,096.83
January 13, 2020	15	\$3,122.17	\$5,968.00	\$8,000.00	\$17,090.17
January 20, 2020	13	\$204.22	\$5,152.00	\$30,500.00	\$35,856.22
January 27, 2020	16	\$2 <i>,</i> 045.81	\$6,336.00	\$30,000.00	\$38,381.81
January Total	57	\$6,317.03	\$22,608.00	\$85,500.00	\$114,425.03
For the	Number	Interest	Court Costs	Judgment	Judgment Total
Week of	of Cases				
February 3, 2020	14	\$453.27	\$5,544.00	\$11,500.00	\$17,497.27
February 10, 2020	256	\$6,770.07	\$86,260.00	\$37,612.00	\$130,642.07
February 17, 2020	13	\$661.62	\$5,068.00	\$9,500.00	\$15,229.62
February 24, 2020	19	\$2,718.43	\$7,544.00	\$11,500.00	\$21,762.43
February Total	302	\$10,603.39	\$104,416.00	\$70,112.00	\$185,131.39
Grand Total for Period	359	\$16,920.42	\$127,024.00	\$155,612.00	\$299,556.42

#### New Felony Figures a/o - 03/01/20

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	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Cou	nt Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Am	ount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount
January	11	\$49,238.00	21	\$82,550.0	00 3	\$8,000.00	15	\$36,841.00	5	\$7,500.00	2	\$	11,500.00	20	\$69,048.00	11	\$88,791.00
February	12	\$24,000.00	13	\$43,350.0	8 00	\$15,250.00	6	\$12,000.00	2	\$30,000.00	2	-	\$6,500.00	4	\$15,500.00	9	\$43,960.00
March	31	\$55,184.00	16	\$28,150.0	00 4	\$8,000.00	7	\$10,800.00	2	\$5,000.00	2		\$3,000.00	8	\$112,722.00	12	\$15,763.00
April	19	\$64,647.00	4	\$10,500.0	00 7	\$12,300.00	9	\$21,800.00	2	\$3,900.00	8	\$:	38,500.00	12	\$26,298.00	5	\$203,250.00
Мау	33	\$100,010.00	19	\$39,700.0	9 00	\$36,800.00	2	\$3,000.00	1	\$1,500.00	4	\$2	20,387.00	14	\$16,601.00	7	\$116,250.00
June	16	\$59,678.00	10	\$17,800.0	00 5	\$10,800.00	1	\$1,500.00	12	\$39,759.00	12	\$3	28,356.00	15	\$62,796.00	7	\$16,391.00
July	22	\$39,700.00	15	\$38,100.0	00 3	\$4,000.00	6	\$8,800.00	4	\$7,000.00	3	\$	10,000.00	15	\$58,666.00	11	\$49,482.00
August	3	\$9,000.00	14	\$28,600.0	00 19	\$42,900.00	4	\$7,000.00	6	\$382,340.00	13	\$	43,031.00	5	\$12,000.00	8	\$8,935.00
September	4	\$75,000.00	8	\$19,700.0	00 15	\$30,600.00	4	\$10,955.00	1	\$50,000.00	8	\$	39,500.00	6	\$42,548.00	15	\$13,158.00
October	8	\$19,250.00	9	\$24,750.0	00 9	\$43,500.00	3	\$8,000.00	43	\$58,769.00	12	\$	58,887.00	5	\$33,500.00	3	\$25,797.00
November	50	\$106,153.00	4	\$11,000.0	8 00	\$11,650.00	3	\$14,000.00	11	\$9,861.00	15	\$	50,596.00	11	\$32,094.00	8	\$31,969.00
December	26	\$80,000.00	9	\$15,100.0	00 5	\$14,000.00	8	\$12,457.00	1	\$10,000.00	7	\$	40,002.00	5	\$7,000.00	5	\$8,000.00
Total	235	\$681,860.00	142	\$359,300.0	0 95	\$237,800.00	68	\$147,153.00	90	\$605,629.00	88	\$35	0,259.00	120	\$488,773.00	101	\$621,746.00
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11	\$16,	188.00 28		\$24,035.00	28	\$120,000.00	8	\$20,185.00	6	\$14	,500.00	5		\$35,500.00	174		\$583,876.00
6	\$25,	650.00 16		\$42,890.40	42	\$205,179.66	12	\$116,180.00	2	\$4	,000.00	10		\$27,500.00	144		\$611,960.06
4	\$3,	610.00 9		\$50,230.00	13	\$65,015.61	5	\$32,000.00	11	\$110	,085.00				124		\$499,559.61
12	\$14,	325.00 12		\$10,740.00	6	\$12,002.31	4	\$8,500.00	1	\$3	3,500.00				101		\$430,262.31
4	\$3,	695.00 11		\$7,610.00	12	\$35,633.95	6	\$10,500.00	7	\$21	,360.00				129		\$413,046.95
14	\$67,	377.00 9		\$25,925.00	11	\$37,741.33	3	\$1,685.00	14	\$52	2,540.00				129		\$422,348.33
18	\$16,	230.00 10		\$54,000.00	9	\$83,500.00	1	\$1,500.00	2	:	\$360.00				119		\$371,338.00
150	\$369,	625.00 5		\$66,695.00	8	\$170,657.75	5	\$15,000.00	7	\$106	5,500.00				247		\$1,262,283.75
15	\$37,	500.00 11		\$13,795.00	6	\$96,500.00			26	\$31	,160.00				119		\$460,416.00
3	\$5,	500.00 8		\$11,295.00	18	\$132,000.84	2	\$5,000.00	2	\$15	5,500.00				125		\$441,748.84
5	\$27,	500.00 6		\$94,685.00	5	\$53,055.00	2	\$7,800.00	20	\$92	2,370.00				148		\$542,733.00
12	\$33,	654.00 8		\$31,370.00	6	\$48,000.00	10	\$32,765.42	5	\$12	2,500.00				107		\$344,848.42
254	\$620,8	54.00 133		\$433,270.40	164	\$1,059,286.45	58	\$251,115.42	103	\$464,	375.00	15	:	\$63,000.00	1666		\$6,384,421.27

New Misdemeanor	Figures a/o -	03/01/20
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	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount
January	177	\$86,750.00	243	\$140,727.00	93	\$52,485.00	153	\$73,825.00	39	\$24,500.00	85	\$50,570.00	54	\$28,527.00	64	\$38,927.00
February	173	\$85,400.00	371	\$184,420.00	156	\$82,570.00	76	\$42,810.00	100	\$52,815.00	29	\$24,000.00	81	\$40,929.00	65	\$42,407.00
March	41	\$22,700.00	103	\$54,090.00	96	\$58,100.00	92	\$48,900.00	55	\$35,250.00	91	\$53,460.00	81	\$64,123.00	62	\$36,552.00
April	404	\$221,300.00	215	\$129,700.00	123	\$67,595.00	39	\$28,750.00	94	\$61,660.00	66	\$29,215.00	66	\$47,400.00	23	\$18,699.00
May	371	\$208,815.00	153	\$81,850.00	174	\$94,645.00	69	\$46,990.00	44	\$30,380.00	44	\$40,750.00	58	\$35,687.00	15	\$13,500.00
June	131	\$74,070.00	315	\$185,570.00	190	\$98,355.00	89	\$56,185.00	57	\$41,080.00	48	\$39,680.00	58	\$27,069.00	42	\$25,640.00
July	214	\$131,725.00	133	\$87,985.00	98	\$59,735.00	58	\$43,585.00	112	\$67,105.00	64	\$43,898.00	27	\$31,500.00	104	\$70,414.00
August	193	\$113,185.00	190	\$112,425.00	90	\$58,560.00	35	\$28,750.00	77	\$53,265.00	99	\$52,345.00	50	\$23,245.00	53	\$46,184.00
September	361	\$194,860.00	177	\$104,720.00	151	\$83,500.00	83	\$45,490.00	59	\$32,560.00	67	\$53,662.00	60	\$45,440.00	37	\$24,929.00
October	241	\$128,265.00	120	\$65,765.00	98	\$59,155.00	59	\$30,935.00	77	\$45,600.00	90	\$42,814.00	49	\$28,628.00	39	\$30,975.00
November	146	\$89,980.00	180	\$98,788.00	147	\$83,445.00	70	\$41,050.00	124	\$62,435.00	81	\$42,318.00	53	\$32,743.00	20	\$12,644.00
December	123	\$75,140.00	208	\$116,805.00	115	\$70,300.00	77	\$44,175.00	74	\$59,030.00	55	\$44,171.00	32	\$28,250.00	52	\$39,164.00
Total	2575	\$1,432,190.00	2408	\$1,362,845.00	1531	\$868,445.00	900	\$531,445.00	912	\$565,680.00	819	\$516,883.00	669	\$433,541.00	576	\$400,035.00
	20	015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Grand	Total	
	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	t Amoun	t Cou	unt Amou	unt	Count	Amoun	t
	37	\$28,254.00	48	\$39,378.00	276	\$144,160.00	42	\$26,200	.00 57	\$41,	292.00 4	0 \$3	39,079.00	1408	\$8:	14,674.00
	66	\$50,938.00	50	\$52,000.00	174	\$144,813.00	29	\$17,321	.00 17	\$10,	834.00 4	1 9	\$8,000.00	1391	\$83	39,257.00
	44	\$22,871.00	25	\$20,970.00	52	\$37,909.26	30	\$15,777	.00 17	\$17,	500.00			789	\$48	88,202.26
	28	\$25,855.00	31	\$20,879.00	40	\$23,655.74	53	\$36,217	.00 29	\$24,	534.00			1211	\$73	35,459.74
_	31	\$24,770.00	34	\$33,775.00	18	\$26,500.00	40	\$36,016	.00 41	\$28,	481.60			1092	\$70	02,159.60
	44	\$25,664.00	41	\$25,379.00	41	\$26,527.00	30	\$15,192	.00 23	\$20,	807.00			1109	\$66	61,218.00
_	44	\$37,356.00	19	\$12,794.00	38	\$20,299.00	39	\$19,933	.00 19	\$8,	626.00			969	\$63	34,955.00
-	1850	\$1,206,600.00	15	\$18,000.00	55	\$37,466.00	33	\$23,710	.00 9	\$9,	000.00			2749	\$1,78	82,735.00
	105	\$97,302.00	59	\$46,049.00	49	\$34,533.50	38	\$18,444	.00 160	\$112,	886.00			1406	\$89	94,375.50
_	35	\$27,975.00	16	\$12,199.00	142	\$108,834.00	41	\$25,831	.00 57	\$58,	052.00			1064	\$66	65,028.00
-	37	\$28,667.00	40	\$24,464.00	33	\$21,621.00	2	\$3,500	.00 148	\$159,	468.00			1081	\$70	01,123.00
	40	\$25,807.00	56	\$63,000.00	34	\$32,986.00	7	\$5,750	\$5,750.00 52 \$32,638.00		925	\$63	37,216.00			

# Detention Early Warning Report (DEWR)-Glossary

The DEWR is a 32 line item report which provides a snapshot of the Dallas County Jail Population, capturing the primary case status/category (also referred to as a "bucket"). The DEWR consists of pre-disposition Felony and Misdemeanor cases, and those adjudicated which are awaiting release or transfer.

1	Felony not filed:	Felony arrest made by local law enforcement agencies (LEA's), case has not been accepted by the District Attorney (DA).
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2	Felony pending Grand Jury (GJ):	Felony cases accepted for prosecution and awaiting presentation to the GJ.
	Felony not including State Jail	
	Felonies (SJF):	Felony offenses excluding SJF which have been indicted by the GJ and are now pending in the felony courts.
	SJF pending disposition:	SJF offenses which have been indicted by the GJ and are now pending in the felony courts.
5	Probation Violators (PV) Felony:	Defendants (Def's) in jail for various violations of the terms and conditions of their felony probation.
	Texas Department of Criminal	
	Justice (TDCJ) over 10 years on	Def's received a felony conviction and were sentenced to TDCJ >10 years; the case may or may not be on appeal. Def is not eligible for bond.
	appeal or TDC no appeal-	
	Bench Warrants:	Def's being held as a witness in another Def's case; will be transferred back to TDCJ once the case is resolved.
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8	TDCJ 10 years or less on appeal:	Def's received a felony conviction and were sentenced to TDCJ <10 years and are appealing their sentence; may be eligible to post bond.
	Sentenced to SJF:	Def's received a felony conviction and were sentenced to a State Jail Facility, awaiting transfer.
	SJF on appeal:	Def's received a felony conviction and were sentenced to a State Jail Facility and filed an appeal; may be eligible to post bond
	SJF serving in county jail:	Def's received a felony conviction and were sentenced to time in the county jail.
	Misdemeanor not filed:	Def's arrested for a misdemeanor offense by a local LEA; case has not been filed by the DA's office in the county courts.
	Misdemeanor filed pending:	Def's charged with a misdemeanor offense and their cases have been filed with the county courts and are pending disposition
	Misdemeanor PV:	Def's in jail for various violations of the terms and conditions of their county court probation.
	Serving County Time as a	
	Condition of Probation:	Def's held in county jail as a condition of probation (sanction). Not eligible for good time credit.
-	Serving County Time & Fines:	Def's sentenced to jail time and are serving their sentence.
	Serving Fines and Court Cost	
	only:	Def's serving time for fines and court cost only.
		Def's being held for another county or jurisdiction. Upon completion of their Dallas County jail time, agencies typically have 10 days to pick up the defendant
18	Out of County/State Hold:	or they are released.
	Parole Violations:	Def's in jail for various violations of the terms and conditions of their felony parole.
-	SAFPF (Substance Abuse Felony	
	Punishment Facility):	Def's ordered to a substance abuse treatment facility as a condition of felony probation and are awaiting transfer to that facility.
	Special Programs:	Def's being held for Wilmer Judicial Treatment Center, Electronic Leg Monitor (ELM), or other community treatment programs.
	Other Incompetent:	Def's being held in county jail awaiting transfer to a State Mental Health Facility.
	US Marshal:	Dallas County contracts as a US Marshal holding facility.
-	Contempt in Jail:	Def's in jail for contempt of court.
	Contempt Furlough:	Def's temporarily released from the jail.
	Peace Bond:	Court ordered cash bond designed to keep the peace and protect a person or property from a threat (rarely used).
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27	Texas Youth Commission (TYC):	Def's being held for transfer to TYC; TYC is now Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).
	Immigration:	Def's detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) being held for transfer to a federal facility for immigration detainers.
	Class C Misdemeanor only:	Citations which result in a fine, serving time in jail.
	Contract Inmates:	Contract Holds for another County or Jurisdiction (overflow).
	US Military:	Temporary hold for US Military.
	Default:	Def's in transit: recently booked into jail (on the floor), have not been classified, and/or assigned to a jail/tank/housing unit

#### Detention Early Warning Report (DEWR) February 2020

Felenu net filed	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28	2/29	Avgs	
Felony not filed	831	849	860	831	832	853	834	843	871	897	895	886	868	872	857	900	937	932	947	944	920	887	903	939	908	892	912	887	843	884	
Felony pend. Grand Jury	511	509	510	525	513	507	493	484	482	480	478	488	512	497	492	489	489	494	480	485	487	525	524	521	521	524	515	515	529	503	
Felony not incl. SJF	1717	1715	1712	1730	1754	1746	1744	1733	1736	1735	1740	1758	1760	1769	1772	1770	1769	1774	1788	1806	1798	1802	1800	1800	1812	1820	1808	1822	1816	1769	
SJF pend dispo	279	276	276	272	278	273	281	281	283	281	280	275	267	283	287	290	288	282	280	277	275	272	271	272	289	287	289	276	277	279	
PV-Felony	305	310	316	310	315	311	314	312	317	321	318	316	318	326	323	328	339	335	330	323	315	326	334	340	337	328	328	327	328	322	ĺ
TDC over 10y/appeal	264	264	264	258	232	276	285	298	298	298	264	225	222	231	243	243	243	225	232	233	239	252	252	252	219	226	237	247	262	251	ĺ
Bench Warrants	32	32	31	33	35	35	35	35	35	34	33	35	35	35	36	36	36	34	35	37	37	35	34	32	31	32	34	30	31	34	ĺ
TDC<10yr/appeal	13	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	13	15	15	16	16	16	16	15	15	14	14	14	14	ĺ
Sentd. SJF	65	65	63	60	62	69	64	70	69	68	69	69	72	60	61	62	63	65	69	68	63	70	68	68	64	68	68	58	61	66	ĺ
SJF on appeal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	ĺ
SJF serv in co jail	38	36	33	35	37	38	40	42	39	38	38	38	38	39	41	39	35	35	38	40	37	35	33	31	32	33	30	31	37	36	ĺ
Misd. not filed	78	89	111	114	89	85	74	82	108	125	108	89	79	89	76	88	121	107	104	78	79	89	92	113	100	84	83	66	58	92	1
Misd. filed pend.	181	181	184	183	185	194	191	178	181	185	178	179	187	193	173	178	181	168	174	165	156	167	165	168	169	172	165	169	168	176	1
Misd-PV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	100	0	
Serv in jail (Cond of Prob)		39	37	40			52	54		48	53										52		47	46	54		55	50	48	51	1
Serving Co time & fines	43				42	46			51			54	54	60	64	59	54	56	50	48		53				58				26	
Serv fines/CT cost only	31	28	27	29	28	32	34	33	33	32	28	28	27	25	26	23	22	25	26	24	23	24	19	18	18	17	18	21	24	0	ł
Out of county/state	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	1
Parole Violations	65	70	78	47	42	49	53	57	65	74	47	48	48	40	52	57	57	54	69	46	40	37	38	42	37	31	41	40	51		
	268	273	275	268	278	280	275	270	272	276	277	283	285	270	273	280	284	283	283	284	275	274	278	284	279	282	284	269	271	277	
SAFPF	191	191	190	191	182	183	189	193	193	193	198	202	196	198	207	207	207	209	213	209	221	226	226	223	227	213	223	226	228	205	
Special Programs	332	332	327	317	317	319	326	345	345	333	321	313	324	329	339	339	332	328	323	326	323	336	337	327	305	307	319	323	336	327	
Other- Incompetent	204	204	198	197	193	195	197	196	196	194	196	194	192	200	203	203	199	193	190	192	191	191	191	190	189	190	187	192	196	195	
US Marshall holds	111	111	110	109	107	108	109	109	109	108	108	108	110	111	112	113	113	112	116	116	118	120	120	116	113	113	111	104	105	111	ĺ
Contempt-in Jail	15	16	16	16	17	19	15	13	15	16	16	17	17	17	16	15	15	15	17	19	19	21	23	22	20	18	20	18	16	17	ĺ
Contempt-Furlough	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	ĺ
PEACE Bond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TYC hold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Immigration hold	20	1	2	8	16	6	6	16	0	1	10	8	10	4	14	3	3	9	4	16	6	14	5	3	12	10	5	5	15	8	ĺ
Class C Misd. only	18	13	12	24	10	27	17	22	9	7	16	27	15	12	23	15	12	19	15	11	21	16	13	3	25	27	27	21	17	17	ĺ
Contract inmates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	ĺ
US Military hold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Default	70	78	63	53	71	69	91	96	75	59	66	65	73	71	90	99	88	61	47	44	56	54	55	47	60	63	47	69	79	68	1.
With Furlough added	5686	5700	5711	5666	5651	5737	5736	5779	5799	5820	5753	5721	5725	5747	5797	5854	5904	5831	5848	5809	5770	5845	5847	5876	5839	5813	5823	5784	5815	5782	J
Jail Population-Actual		5697		5665		5736										_	5903			_							_	_	5813	5781	
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INTAKES	122	131	160	190	187	188	181	151	121	149	177	166	199	183	152	161	159	158	163	155	241	128	137	154	181	175	188	154	183	165	Γ
RELEASES	90	115	146	212	152	182	176	99	93	150	221	229	138	191	89	102	158	197	189	177	215	108	96	149	246	186	192	191	96	158	F
VARIANCE	-32	-16	-14	22	-35	-6	-5	-52	-28	1	44	63	-61	8	-63	-59	-1	39	26	22	-26	-20	-41	-5	65	11	4	37	-87	-7	┢
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= \$ 9,923,657

167,686 Total Jail Bed Days

**Total Bookins** 

4,794

# **DEWR BUCKET COMPARISON**

	FEB 2019 vs	FEB	FEB	DEC	JAN	FEB	JAN vs
BUCKET NAMES	2020	19	20	19	20	20	FEB
	Variance	·					
SPECIAL FOCUS							
Felony Not Filed	549	335	884	657	795	884	89
Special Programs	185	142	327	292	301	327	26
PV-Felony	49	273	322	272	296	322	26
Parole Violator only	10	267	277	262	295	277	-18
TRENDING UP		<b>—</b>	_		-		
Fel.pend excl.SJF	186	1583	1769	1704	1657	1769	112
US Marshall	64	47	111	112	111	111	0
State Jail Felony	50	229	279	281	260	279	19
Incompetent	41	154	195	212	205	195	-10
Misdemeanors pending	37	139	176	187	190	176	-14
Sentenced to SJF	28	38	66	53	59	66	7
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TRENDING DOWN							
Felony pend Grand Jury	-193	696	503	369	560	503	-57
SJF-Serv Co.Jail (12.44a)	-27	63	36	38	32	36	4
Serving County Time	-22	48	26	24	24	26	2
Out of Co/State	-22	73	51	50	53	51	-2
Bench Warrants	-12	46	34	45	40	34	-6
Contempt in Jail	-4	21	17	10	12	17	5
SAFPF	-3	208	205	201	175	205	30
TDC<10yr/appeal	-2	16	14	14	14	14	0
Class C Misd. only	-1	18	17	15	14	17	3
STABLE							
Immigration	1	7	8	6	6	8	2
Serv as Cond of Prob.	1	50	51	51	39	51	12
ТҮС	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jail Population Avg.	835	4946	5781	5292	5557	5781	224

#### DEWR BUCKET MONTHLY AVERAGES

	Feb 18	Feb 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	2020 Ava
Felony not filed	315	335	795	884	840
Felony pend GJ	615	696	560	503	532
Fel.pend excl.SJF	1712	1583	1657	1769	1713
State Jail Fel only	255	229	260	279	270
PV-Felony	243	273	296	322	309
TDC over 10yrs	346	309	248	251	250
Bench Warrants	37	46	40	34	37
TDC <10y/appeal	9	16	14	14	14
Sentenced SJF	64	38	59	66	63
Sentd SJF/appeal	0	0	1	1	1
SJF-Serv Co Jail	75	63	32	36	34
Misdmnr not filed	135	116	103	92	98
Misdmnr filed- pend	198	139	190	176	183
PV-Misdmnr	0	0	0	0	0
Serv as Con of Prob.	54	50	39	51	45
Serv Co time/ fines	66	48	24	26	25
Serv fines/ fees only	0	0	0	1	1
Out of Co/State	71	73	53	51	52
Parole Vio.	239	267	295	277	286
SAFPF	156	208	175	205	190
Sp.Prgrms	186	163	301	327	314
Incompetent	148	154	205	195	200
US Marshall	8	47	111	111	111
Cntmpt-in Jail	14	21	12	17	15
Furlough	0	0	1	1	1
PEACE Bond	0	0	0	0	0
TYC hold	0	0	0	0	0
Immigration hold	5	7	6	8	7
Class C only	19	18	14	17	16
Contract	0	0	0	0	0
US Military	0	0	0	0	0
Default	37	51	65	68	67
Furlough added	5006	4946	5558	5782	5670
Jail Population Actual	5006	4946	5557	5781	5669

INTAKES	170	182	165	165	165
RELEASES	175	183	155	158	157
VARIANCE	-5	-1	-10	-7	-9

#### DALLAS COUNTY PRETRIAL RELEASE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

	FEB 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	2020 AVG
AVG BOOKINS per day	182	165	165	165
Interviews	43	41	50	46
Cr. History	219	257	242	250
Bonds written	25	21	16	19
AVG BONDS per day	1.3	1	0.7	1
Bonds (collected)	13	13	13	13
Bonds (waived)	12	8	3	6
Bonds TOTAL	25	21	16	19
FEES (collected)	\$765	\$445	\$663	\$554
FEES (waived)	\$380	\$365	\$160	\$263
FEES TOTAL	\$1,145	\$810	\$823	\$817

Dallas County Pretrial Services Alcohol Monitoring Unit FEBRUARY 2020 Statistical Summary Report

Month/Year	Total Supervised Cases Start Of Month	Count of Pending Bond Orders	Total New Cases Activated	Number of Successful Closeouts	Number of Unsuccessful Closeouts	Count of Violations Submitted to Court	Count of Orientations Completed	# of Verified Installations Completed	Count of Supervised Cases (End of Month)	Supervison Fees Collected
Feb-2018	1142	250	129	109	5	264	126	119	1157	\$ 13,090.88
Feb-2019	1157	333	151	121	4	262	143	105	1183	\$ 12,393.50
Jan-2020	1381	362	96	138	39	308	110	109	1300	\$ 11,466.00
Feb-2020	1300	364	124	111	5	209	118	124	1308	\$ 11,647.00
Re-Arrest	2									

#### Dallas County Pre Trial Services Alternative Sentencing Program (ASP) and Bond/Electronic Monitoring Program Statistical Summary Report

#### FEBRUARY 2020

CASELOAD INFORMATION									
	2/20 ASP	2/20 Bond	2/20 Ch. Sup	2/20 TOTAL	ASP TOTAL	Bond TOTAL	Ch. Sup TOTAL	Total 9-01-09 - 2/29/2020	
Beginning Client Count	6	252	0	258	3	3	9(5/13)	15	
Total Clients That Started The Program	15	96	0	111	2,029	2,991	89	5,109	
Total Cases Closed	13	53	0	66	2,024	2,699	98	4,821	
Closed Successfully	13	28	0	41	1,988	1,701	74	3,763	
Closed Unsuccessfully	0	25	0	25	36	998	24	1,058	
Total Clients at End of Month	8	295	0	303					
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DALLAS COUNTY FUNDS SAVED									
2/2020	Total 09-01-09 -02-29-20								
8,026	407,578								
\$ 59.18	SEE ADDENDUM								
\$474,978.68	\$24,847,145.10								
	8,026 \$ 59.18								

## JAIL BED COST SAVINGS ADDENDUM

	Cost per		Total Cost Saved			
Time Period	-	Days				
Time Periou	Day					
9/09	\$55.60	393	\$ 21,850.80			
10/09 to 9/10	\$48.49	7,589	\$ 367,990.61			
10/10 to 09/11	\$57.49	16,277	\$ 934,212.50			
10/11 to 09/12	\$53.13	23,536	\$ 1,250,467.68			
10/12 to 09/13	\$56.29	30,368	\$ 1,709,414.72			
10/13 to 9/14	\$62.46	41,130	\$ 2,568,979.80			
10/14 to 9/15	\$63.11	40,706	\$ 2,568,955.66			
10/15 to 9/16	\$69.38	40,517	\$ 2,811,069.46			
10/16 to 9/17	\$71.08	44,636	\$ 3,209,845.88			
10/17 to 9/18	\$55.36	56,163	\$ 3,108,408.64			
10/18 to 9/19	\$59.99	71,963	\$ 4,317,060.37			
10/19 to 2/20	\$59.18	34,300	\$ 2,029,873.77			
TOTA	L	407,578	\$24,847,145.10			



## Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board Law Enforcement/Jurisprudence Committee Minutes Monday, March 2, 2020

**Welcome & Introductions:** Chief Jim Spivey called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Chief Spivey introduced Dallas County District Attorney John Creuzot, and explained that Judge Creuzot will be speaking about changes to case filing policies within the District Attorney's Office.

## I. Human Trafficking Legislation

Amy Derrick stated that during the last legislative session the legislature passed a couple of audit bills. The bill requires audits for Law Enforcement Agencies and District Attorney Offices statewide for crimes against children and sexual assault cases. Essentially, what they are auditing is why or why not cases are filed and what happens post filing and dispositions of the cases. Alongside that, they passed another bill that will do the same type of audit with human trafficking cases (see attachment). This bill arises from the idea that human trafficking is not being taking seriously by all entities. During the last session, there was a lot of testimony from LEAs and DAs regarding how difficult human trafficking can be to prove in court. Many of times, these cases are filed as prostitution or sexual assault. As a result, this audit was created. There is speculation that there will be a contract with the University of Texas, because the research center that they have focuses specifically on crimes against women. These audits will follow a case from filing throughout disposition. The DA's Office will also be required to report the other types of crimes that traffickers are being prosecuted for.

Human trafficking is now becoming a hot topic. Representative Donna Howard is a big supporter of this legislation. Representative Howard feels there is a lot of money being spent in these different areas, but there is uncertainty whether the money is going where it is most needed. There have been recent lawsuits from sexual assault survivors, regarding how their cases were investigated. These lawsuits have made national news. So as a result, this audit bill was passed to properly manage these cases. One of the things that will need to be reported during these audits are the service referrals. What services are LEAs and DAs offering the victims of these crimes.

## II. Ramifications of felony judges rescinding Felony Writ List

Judge Creuzot stated that the Felony Writ List was created by the District Court Judges around the 1980s. The law provides that a defendant should get a personal bond or a lower bond, if the state is not ready for trial within 90 days. The writ list process in Dallas likely developed to address cases in which a person was arrested and put in jail, but no case was ever filed or it was not filed timely. The writ list was amended at the LEAs request because some cases took a lot more time to properly prepare and file the case (i.e. a murder or sexual assault case). When the judges rescinded the writ list process, they did not violate any law and have the legal right to do so. One of the problems it created though was a big spike in the jail population, especially in drug cases. Because some of the drug laboratories are so behind in drug testing, a defendant may spend 90 days in jail because there is no felony writ list process anymore. In addition, we noticed that defendants who were released on the writ list had a high recidivism rate, as these defendants were just let out the door with no conditions or stipulations. The DA's office is working with defense attorneys and requesting that they file a writ of habeas corpus or request a bond review hearing, in order to release these defendants. However, efforts have not been very successful. As a result, it requires a lot paperwork and going back and forth between the courts and the Clerk's Office. The DA's Office is asking the courts to bring the defendant down to court and ask the judge to consider releasing them on a bond and/or be monitored by pretrial services. If the judge agrees, then it would be at his or her discretion to add pretrial release conditions.

The Bail Reform lawsuit has impacted Dallas County as a whole. One of the things that Dallas County has had to implement is a risk assessment tool. Municipalities in Dallas County, unfortunately, do not have a risk assessment tool completed by Dallas County Pretrial Services prior to magistration; therefore, they are unable to make a more informed bond decision. Another issue encountered is that judges misinterpret the role of a risk assessment. Judges think that the grade on risk assessment is the decision, but it is not. The risk assessment is only meant to aid in a bond decision. Jeff Segura from Pretrial Services stated that these assessments are only meant to be a tool to help make a decision only, and should not be taken as the decision to release a defendant. As we continue to work through this lawsuit, we have encountered some systemic issues. One of the goals of the DA's Office is to be present when defendants are magistrated. Judge Creuzot encouraged LEAs to communicate more with the DA's Office if they do not agree with a bond set by a magistrate and provide an explanation as to why the bond should be higher.

Kim Nesbitt reported that since the writ list went away, jail population has gone up. One of the initiatives is to identify people with drug cases, as these cases will not be filed quickly due to how long it takes to get a lab analysis back. What the DA's Office is doing is looking up the attorney on these cases, and emailing them, if their clients have been in jail for 30 days. The attorneys would then either file a writ and or request a bond review hearing. The DA's Office has sent over 200 emails to these attorneys in an attempt to get their clients a bond or writ hearing. They only heard back from four attorneys. The Criminal Justice Department has agreed to assist with emailing the defense attorneys, whose clients may be eligible for a bond review hearing and/or a writ of habeas corpus. This is the latest attempt to address the jail population without a felony writ list process in place.

Kim Nesbitt stated, per the Federal Judge's Order, everyone who has been magistrated after 2 days, if still in jail and not on any kind of supervision, must have a bond review hearing. Defendants have the right to waive the hearing. During this hearing, the judge may order some type of Pretrial Services oversight, add some sort of condition to the bond, and/or give a personal bond. To clarify, Judge Creuzot stated, the bail reform lawsuit is about not having people in jail because they are poor, and is not about letting repeat offenders out on low cost bonds. Chief Spivey asked, municipalities who magistrate their own prisoners are supposed to have a DA present at the hearing. Judge Creuzot stated, yes, that is correct however, it is impractical and the DA's Office does not have the staff nor budget to accommodate that. It was recommended that the municipalities transport their prisoners over to Dallas County Jail for a robust magistrate hearing. The DA's Office will do some research on the time frame required by law enforcement, to transport prisoners to the Dallas County Jail, in order to get a robust magistrate hearing. It was reported that the law requires 72 hours, but there is uncertainty regarding the specific local rule in effect at this time, as it has changed over time. The DA's Office will look into providing the law to all the LEAs. Kim Nesbitt stated that in working with Dallas County IT they are looking for a way to have City Magistrates gain access to the new magistrate portal, in order for them to have the same information that a Lew Sterrett magistrate has. This would aid City Magistrates in making a better decisions, on setting bonds. Lastly, if the LEAs arrest a dangerous defendant, they should make a high bond request at Lew Sterrett for the magistrate to see. They can also add that information in the PC affidavit.

## III. State Jail Felony & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree drug cases without a lab

Ellyce Lindberg stated that in terms of drug cases, in Dallas County no cases are presented to the Grand Jury unless there is a lab analysis attached. When there was a writ list process, all the defendants waiting on a lab result were getting released. Because of the delay in getting lab reports, some of these defendants end up staying in jail a long time. The DA's Office is working closely with the laboratories, to try getting the cases in which defendants are currently in jail prioritized. In 2019, it was asked of LEA's to wait until the lab report was completed before filing the case. One unintended consequence is if a person is on probation and picks up a new case, they cannot go to SAFP or treatment with that unresolved case still pending. We have asked agencies to wait until lab reports are back before sending the cases to DA's Office. However, sometimes the DA's Office will call the LEAs and ask for the case before getting the lab report in order to attempt to move the case forward and get the defendant the treatment s/he needs.

## IV. DPS only testing one drug, even if multiple exhibits

Gary McDonald stated, it was asked of agencies using DPS to test their drug exhibits, to choose their strongest drug case to be submitted for testing and prosecution, especially in light of the DPS backlog and concern for cases which are approaching the statute of limitations. There has been mixed results, from that request. Some agencies are still submitting all drug cases to DPS without identifying the strongest drug case. It is asked of the LEAS to please work with DPS and help implement the policy they adopted, as this will help speed up the drug case lab reports. The DA's Office is not taking misdemeanor drug cases, if they have a felony drug case out of the same transaction.

James Nichols from DPS, asked to please urge LEA staff to be specific on the submission forms, as sometimes there are multiple suspects. DPS will be able to test exhibits and tie them together, on the same case. DPS is taking approximately 250 days to get results back, and they continue to work through this issue. They are currently looking into outsourcing older cases, to get results more quickly and help with the backlog.

## V. THC analysis instrument update – SWIFS & DPS Lab

The DPS letter from the Director has a good summary where they are with the new THC testing methodology. DPS was able to collaborate with Sam Houston University, and they were able to help with the validation of the instrument. It is expected to have this validation turned over to DPS in the next couple of weeks. For accreditation purposes, there are two stages for validation: one is implementation validation for each lab and the other is to have all forensic scientists trained to perform this new method. Once the two aspects are completed, it should take approximately 60 days. Afterwards, they will be able to start testing plant material that they have in house. Since this is only for plant material, the next stage is to start validation for oil and edible testing. There is currently a higher demand for testing oil and edibles, at the moment.

Erin Spargo from SWIFS stated that they are taking a different approach than DPS. Dallas County Commissioners Court approved funding to purchase new instrumentation to use liquid chromatography for their testing equipment. The method validation will start in the next few weeks. The reports will give a percentage of THC. They are not sure how it will affect turnaround time, as of right now it is 17 days. The cost will be significantly more than what the current costs are, but they are unsure what the exact amount will be.

# VI. Thank you re: Warrant Numbers on paperwork sent to Court Manager for appointment of an attorney on indigent defendants

Ellyce thanked the LEAs who have gotten their magistrates to include the warrant number on the indigent paperwork sent to the Court Manager's Office.

## VII. Meeting Adjourn

Time: 11:23 AM

Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated Code of Criminal Procedure (Refs & Annos) Title 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Introductory Chapter Two. General Duties of Officers (Refs & Annos)

Vernon's Ann. Texas C.C.P. Art. 2.305

Art. 2.305. Report Required Concerning Human Trafficking Cases

Effective: September 1, 2019 Currentness

(a) This article applies only to:

(1) a municipal police department, sheriff's department, constable's office, county attorney's office, district attorney's office, and criminal district attorney's office, as applicable, in a county with a population of more than 50,000; and

(2) the Department of Public Safety.

(b) An entity described by Subsection (a) that investigates the alleged commission of an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, or the alleged commission of an offense under Chapter 43, Penal Code, which may involve human trafficking, shall submit to the attorney general the following information:

(1) the offense being investigated, including a brief description of the alleged prohibited conduct;

(2) regarding each person suspected of committing the offense and each victim of the offense:

(A) the person's:

(i) age;

(ii) gender; and

(iii) race or ethnicity, as defined by Article 2.132; and

(B) the case number associated with the offense and the person suspected of committing the offense;

(3) the date, time, and location of the alleged offense;

(4) the type of human trafficking involved, including:

(A) forced labor or services, as defined by Section 20A.01, Penal Code;

(B) causing the victim by force, fraud, or coercion to engage in prohibited conduct involving one or more sexual activities, including conduct described by Section 20A.02(a)(3), Penal Code; or

(C) causing a child victim by any means to engage in, or become the victim of, prohibited conduct involving one or more sexual activities, including conduct described by Section 20A.02(a)(7), Penal Code;

(5) if available, information regarding any victims' service organization or program to which the victim was referred as part of the investigation; and

(6) the disposition of the investigation, regardless of the manner of disposition.

(c) An attorney representing the state who prosecutes the alleged commission of an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, or the alleged commission of an offense under Chapter 43, Penal Code, which may involve human trafficking, shall submit to the attorney general the following information:

(1) the offense being prosecuted, including a brief description of the alleged prohibited conduct;

(2) any other charged offense that is part of the same criminal episode out of which the offense described by Subdivision (1) arose;

(3) the information described by Subsections (b)(2), (3), (4), and (5); and

(4) the disposition of the prosecution, regardless of the manner of disposition.

(d) The attorney general shall enter into a contract with a university that provides for the university's assistance in the collection and analysis of information received under this article.

(e) In consultation with the entities described by Subsection (a), the attorney general shall adopt rules to administer this article, including rules prescribing:

(1) the form and manner of submission of a report required by Subsection (b) or (c); and

(2) additional information to include in a report required by Subsection (b) or (c).

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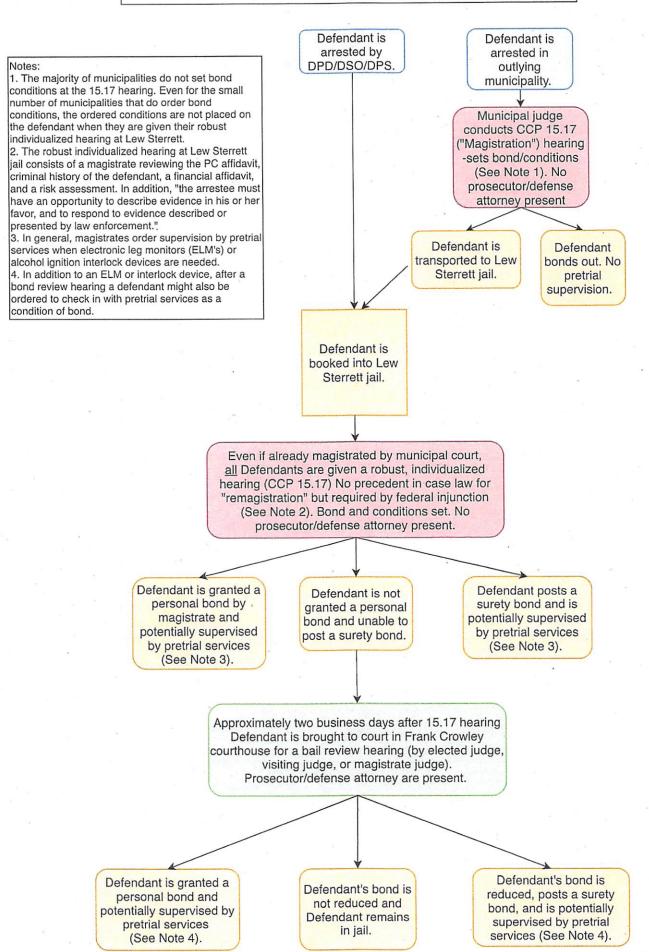
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Vernon's Ann. Texas C. C. P. Art. 2.305, TX CRIM PRO Art. 2.305 Current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 86th Legislature

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## Dallas County Arrest to Bond Review Hearing Flowchart Class B Misdemeanors & Above



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February 18, 2020

**Dear DPS Laboratory Clients:** 

As previously reported, the new THC testing methodology for plant material is expected to be finalized by Sam Houston State University (SHSU) near the end of March. Once delivered by SHSU, the DPS Crime Laboratory Service will require 60 days to conduct implementation validation studies and develop training on the method and related testimony techniques.

Once the implementation is finalized, DPS will begin testing the 845 felony plant material cases submitted with offense dates after June 10, 2019. DPS anticipates it will take approximately 75 days to complete testing on these cases, after which, DPS will begin to accept and test the felony plant material cases lab customers are currently holding. DPS lab customers should contact their local crime laboratory to schedule appointments and discuss felony testing needs.

DPS laboratories analyze more than 50,000 felony drug cases per year and we do not accept misdemeanor cases. The 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature added resources to the laboratory to help expedite the analysis of those felony cases, however, additional funding to address misdemeanor cases was not provided because the laboratory does not analyze misdemeanor drug cases. Annually, there are more than 80,000 misdemeanor marijuana arrests made in Texas. DPS will not have the capacity to accept those misdemeanor cases. Additionally, at this time, the Texas testing method is solely for plant material cases. Evaluations for use of this method or alternate methods for testing felonies associated with cannabis derivatives (oils, edibles, etc) will be ongoing in 2020.

Sincerely,

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## County Combined Completeness Percentage for DALLAS County as of 03/09/2020

			Adult							
Reported Year	Total Charges Reported	Charges Disposed by Prosecutors	Charges Disposed by Courts	Total Disposed	Completeness Percentage	Reported	Charges Disposed by Prosecutors	Charges Disposed by Courts	Total Disposed	Completeness Percentage
2014	58,704	2,223	52,349	54,572	92%	3,877	558	3,113	3,671	94%
2015	56,982	2,137	50,778	52,915	92%	3,724	683	2,914	3,597	96%
2016	58,163	2,851	50,872	53,723	92%	3,171	569	2,373	2,942	92%
2017	59,463	2,954	49,993	52,947	89%	3,312	546	2,475	3,021	91%
2018	61,116	4,954	41,429	46,383	75%	3,133	472	2,064	2,536	80%
Total	294,428	15,119	245,421	260,540	88%	17,217	2,828	12,939	15,767	91%