

Pretrial Services

Ventura County
Probation Agency



Pretrial Services Mission Statement

Pretrial Services will assist the Court in making informed bail decisions through the use of a Pretrial risk assessment. Pretrial Services is committed to maximizing court appearances by those defendants that are released on their own recognizance and promoting community safety while reducing the jail population of low level defendants.

DA Emails Eligible Filings to PRAS

- Sr. DPO Screens Cases for Eligibility
- Referrals Should be Received Prior to 11:00 a.m.

Ineligible Defendants Not Screened

- Defendants With Any Type of Hold
- Sentenced Prisoners or “No Bail” Cases
- Out on Bail/OR for a Felony Offense

SR. DPO Assigns Reports to DPOs

- DPO Summarizes the Probable Cause Declaration
- Obtains Prior Criminal History Information

- PRAS Screens Non-Prison Eligible, 1170(h) Filings
- Must Reside in Ventura County
- Scheduled to Appear for First Arraignment at 1:30 p.m.

Pretrial Services Process

Probation Interviews Each Defendant

- Conducts In-Custody Interviews
- Obtains Statement for Pretrial Report

Probation Uses ORAS-PAT

- First 3 of the 7 Questions Answered by DPO
- Last 4 Questions Answered by Defendant

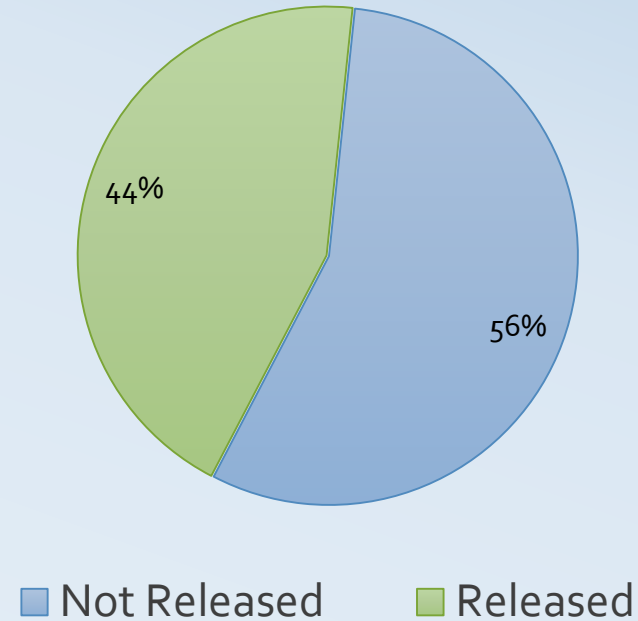
Probation Writes Pretrial Report

- Drug, Alcohol, Stolen Property or Stay Away Terms may be Recommended
- Sr. DPO Appears in Court with Pretrial Reports
- Provides Intake Appt. Dates for those Released

- Low Score= OR with no supervision
- Moderate Score= OR with Pretrial Supervision
- High Score= No recommendation for release
- Defendant's refusal to be interviewed= no recommendation for release

Pretrial Risk Assessment

778 Reports Completed



Defendants Released on Pretrial Supervision 2013-2015

Pretrial Supervision



- The probation officer will meet with each defendant for check-in appointments on a weekly basis for the first four weeks and bi-weekly thereafter.
- For each defendant that is released OR, probation will mail a reminder notice one week prior to their court date and will either email, call or text each defendant the day before their court date.
- After approximately 10 weeks, a defendant may be returned to court for successful completion of Pretrial supervision.



- Refuses to Submit to Testing
- Tests Positive for Drugs or Alcohol
- Fails to Report to Probation as directed
- Arrested/Cited for a New Offense



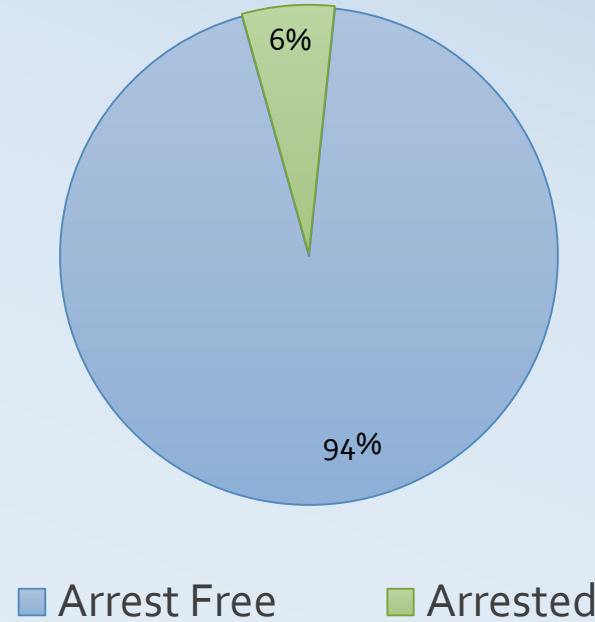
Violations of Pretrial Supervision

- Satisfactory Performance
- Poor Performance
- Sentenced on Pending Offense
- Bench Warrant Issued
- Returned to Custody for a New Offense



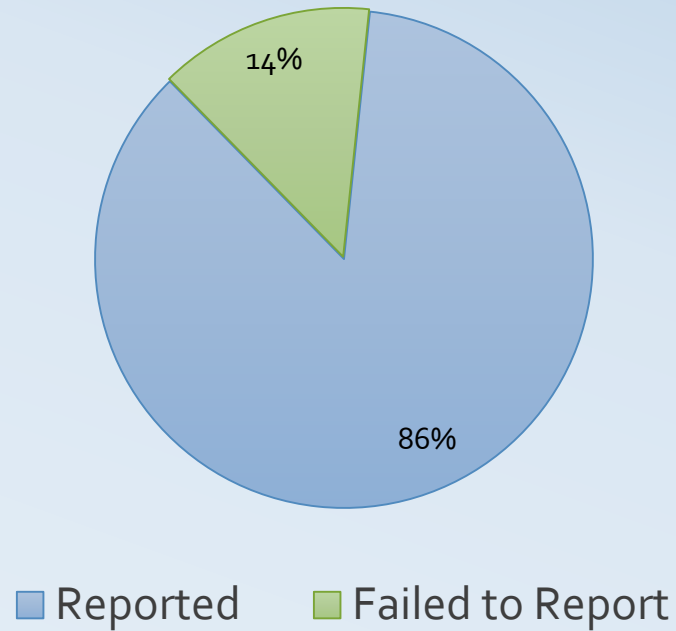
Methods of Termination

339 Released on OR



Defendants Who Remained Arrest Free 2013-2015

290 Reported to Court



Defendants Who Appeared as Directed 2013-2015

Ventura County
Superior Court Judge,
Brian Back

Chief Deputy
Patricia Olivares;
Probation Services

Division Manager Theresa Hart;
Court Services

Supervising Deputy Probation
Officer Michelle Larson;
Post Release Administrative
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