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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: February 3, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Pretrial Services Misdemeanor Releases**

To reduce the population at the Pima County Adult Detention Complex (PCADC), we recently constructed a temporary Pretrial Services Annex outside the PCADC boundary. Doing so, allows arrestees to be evaluated for possible release prior to booking.

Please see the attached report from the Superior Court Administrator on the number of pre-booking and post-booking releases. One would expect the post-booking releases to decrease while the pre-booking releases increase as reflected in this data. The report also contains information regarding police agency arrests as well as the type of charge. By vast majority, the charge is Failure to Appear Warrant(s) where an individual is arrested for failure to appear at a scheduled Court hearing. This continues to be a common problem.

In addition, the manner in which our criminal justice system operates makes a large difference as to the number of individuals booked into PCADC. I am encouraged that the Sheriff is now instituting a process to require all persons arrested on misdemeanor charges (except domestic violence) to appear at the Pretrial Services Annex for screening before they are brought in for booking. This one step should significantly increase a number pre-booking releases.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: The Honorable Kyle Bryson, Presiding Judge, Pima County Superior Court  
The Honorable Jeffrey Bergin, Associate Presiding Judge, Pima County Superior Court  
Ronald Overholt, Administrator, Superior Court  
Cassandra Urias, Deputy Court Administrator, Superior Court  
Domingo Corona, Director, Pretrial Services  
Byron Gwaltney, Chief Deputy, Pima County Sheriff's Department  
Wendy Petersen, Assistant County Administrator for Justice and Law Enforcement



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**Memorandum**

TO: C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator  
FROM: Ronald G. Overholt, Superior Court Administrator *RS*  
DATE: January 31, 2020  
RE: Pretrial Services Misdemeanor Releases

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This memorandum is in response to your request for the number of arrestees released by Pretrial Services from the Pre-Booking Screening function in the newly opened "annex". Attached you will find the statistics with those numbers dating from September 2019 when the annex opened to this month. You will see the numbers are modest but growing. You will also see the significant number of individuals being released post booking.

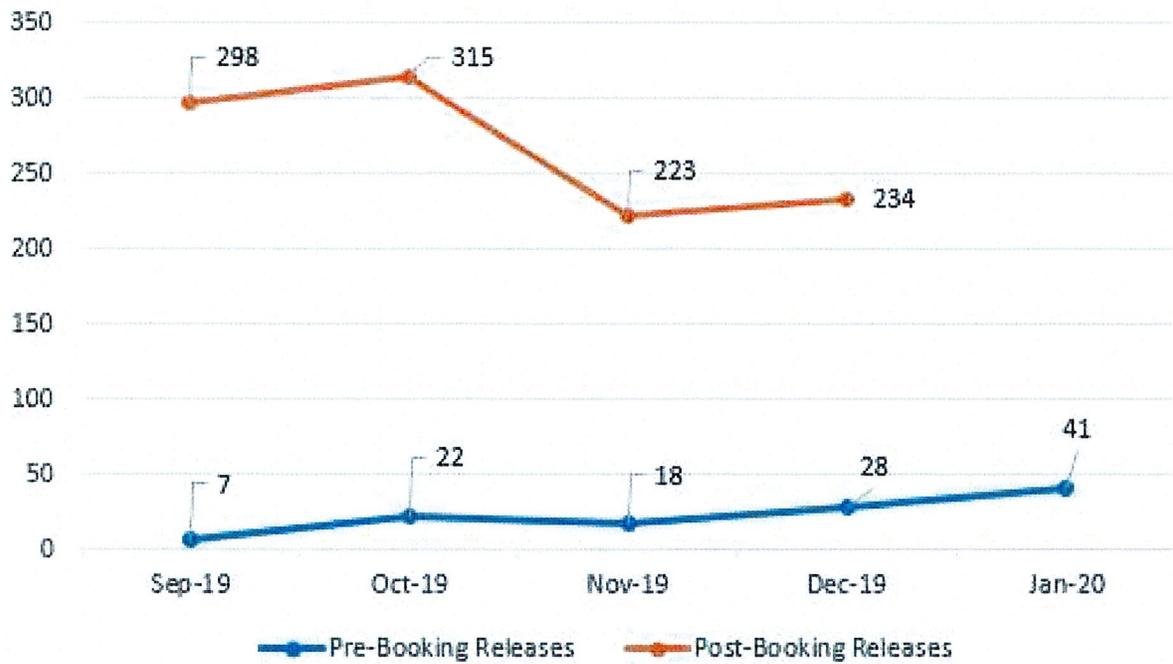
We intentionally started with a "soft" opening to make sure our processes were working and appropriate. We will need to change the culture with law enforcement agencies who have traditionally taken all arrestees to be booked, rather than through the pre-booking screening. We are now ready to increase the screening through the annex rather than booking. I spoke with Chief Byron Gwaltney yesterday who told me he is prepared to institute a process wherein law enforcement is required to take all person arrested on misdemeanor charges except domestic violence, to the annex for screening before they are brought to the booking process if not released. This should dramatically increase the traffic through the annex.

I will keep you informed of these numbers in the coming months. If you have other questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

RGO/mt

Cc: Kyle A. Bryson, Presiding Judge  
Jeffrey Bergin, Associate Presiding Judge  
Danelle Liwski, Presiding Judge, Criminal  
Cassandra Urias, Deputy Court Administrator  
Domingo Corona, Director, Pretrial Services  
Wendy Peterson, Assistant County Administrator  
Chief Byron Gwaltney, Pima County Sheriff's Department

## Pretrial Services Misdemeanor Releases

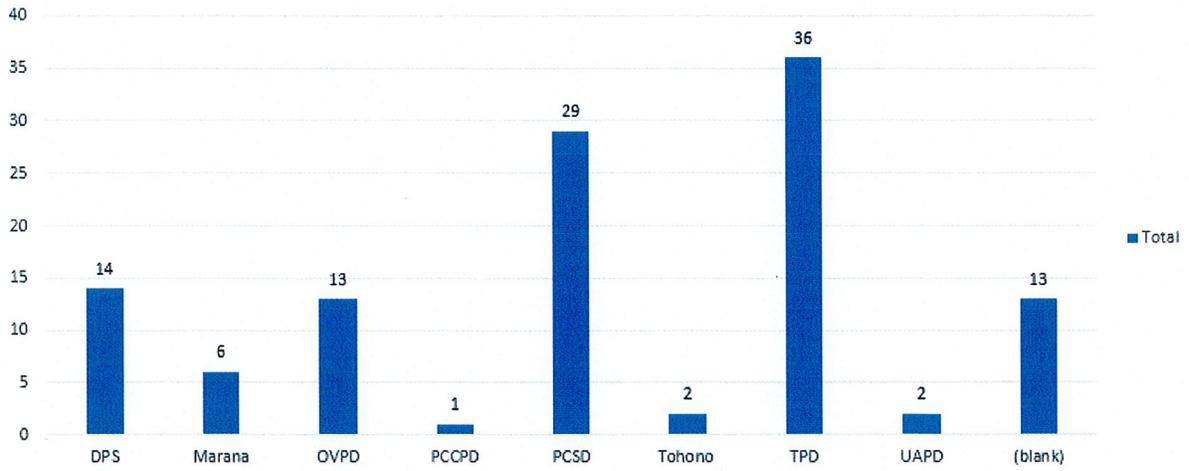


Pre-Booking Release Totals by Month	# defendants
September 2019	7
October 2019	22
November 2019	18
December 2019	28
January 2020 (thru 01/22)	41

Post-Booking Release Totals by Month	# defendants
September 2019	298
October 2019	315
November 2019	223
December 2019	234
January 2020	----

Count of Date

### Pre-Releases by Arresting Agency

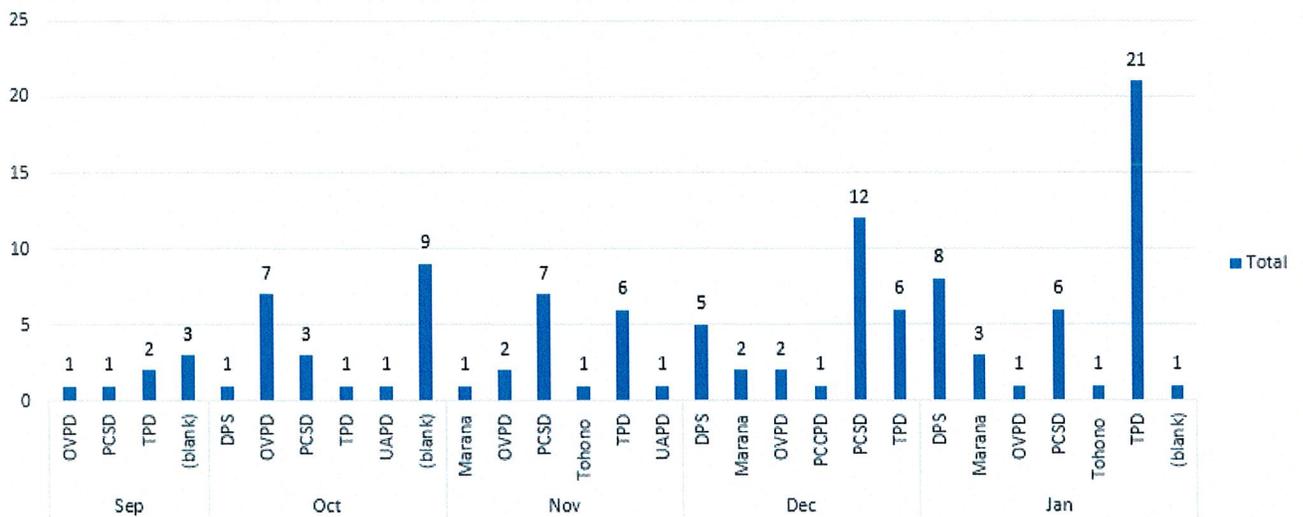


Arresting Agency

Pre-Booking Release Totals by Arresting Agency	# defendants
Tucson Police Department	36
Pima County Sheriff's Department	29
Department of Public Safety	14
Oro Valley Police Department	13
Marana Police Department	6
University of Arizona Police Department	2
Tohono O'Odham Police Department	2
Pima Community College Police Department	1

Count of Date

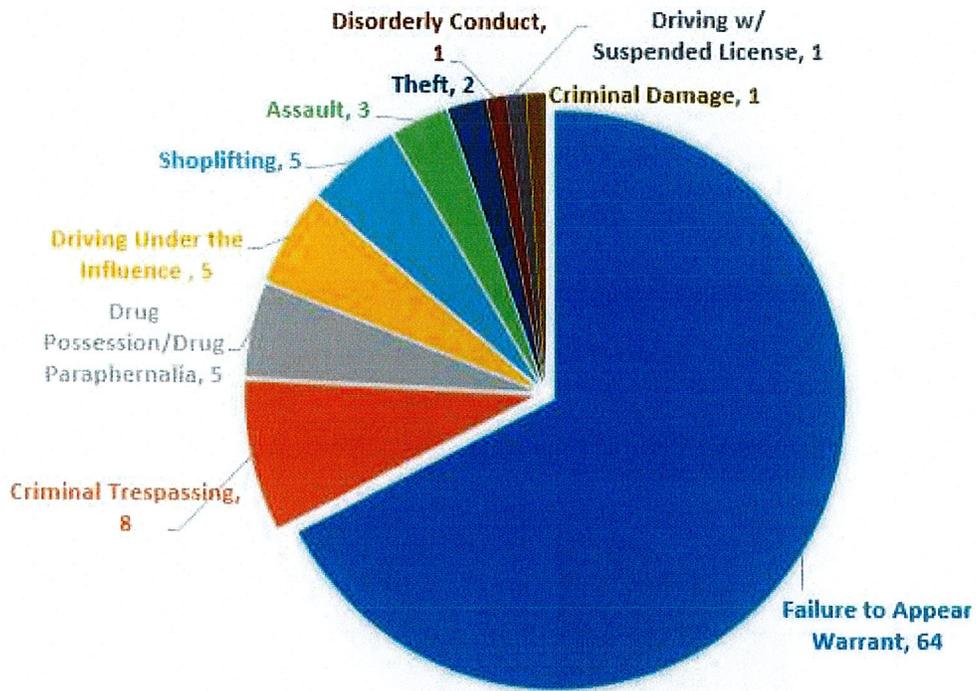
### Pre-Releases by Month and Arresting Agency



Date Arresting Agency

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## PRE-RELEASES BY CHARGE TYPE



Pre-Booking Release Totals by Charge Type	#
Failure to Appear Warrant(s)	64
Criminal Trespassing	8
Drug Possession/Drug Paraphernalia	5
Driving Under the Influence	5
Shoplifting	5
Assault	3
Theft	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Driving on a Suspended License	1
Criminal Damage	1