



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 19, 2014

To: The Honorable Chair 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: **Criminal Justice System Budget**

As I have indicated previously to the Board, the criminal justice system consumes nearly 53 percent of our General Fund budget. These costs are continuing to increase; whether it is in jail housing, indigent defense or information technology infrastructure necessary for law enforcement. The overall total cost of the entire system is not a significant consideration by its siloed individual participants. They only care about their individual benefits.

For example, it costs the County, through General Fund appropriations, nearly \$57 million a year to operate the Pima County Adult Detention Center and the average daily census is approximately 2,000 individuals. Adult detention centers are deemed "detention centers" because they hold individuals accused of crimes during the judicial process. "Prisons" are places where individuals are held to serve sentences after being convicted of a crime. Unfortunately, today, we house 322 individuals serving sentences after being convicted of a crime (see the attached population and fiscal analysis of the Sheriff). While there may be good reasons to have individuals serve their sentences in a county detention facility, it is costly. On average, it costs Pima County in excess of \$4 million annually.

As I have pointed out in several communications to the Board, I expect the cost of the criminal justice system will continue to increase. In developing budgets in the past, we have consistently starved other components of the County service delivery system in order to feed the criminal justice system. I do not intend to do so in the future. Any significant increase in cost in the criminal justice system will be a property tax rate increase decision the Board must make during budget deliberation and adoption.

CHH/dr

Attachment

c: Presiding Judge, Superior Court
Elected Officials
Appointing Authorities



MEMORANDUM
PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Clarence W. Dupnik, Sheriff

Date: January 23, 2014
To: Bureau Chief Paul Wilson
From: Captain India Davis
Re: Inmates Sentenced to Pima County Jail by Superior Court

		Per Diem	
Total Number of Inmates	332		
Total Days Sentenced ¹	58,044		
Actual Days Served	48,272		
First Days	332	\$253.82	\$84,268.24
Subsequent Days	47,940	\$85.58	<u>\$4,102,705.20</u>
Equivalent Jail Beds and Costs	131		<u>\$4,186,973.44</u>

Sentence Break Down

Sentenced to 2 years	1
Sentenced to 1 year	20
Sentenced between 202 to 360 days	38
Sentenced between 100 and 200 days	140
Sentenced between 32 to 99 days	108
Sentenced between 0 to 30 days	25
Total # of Inmates	<u>332</u>

Charge Breakdown

Female inmates	82
Male Inmates	250
Misdemeanor (DUI)	5
Felony (F6)	22
Felony (F1-F5)	305

Probation Violation (PV) Sentences

# Inmates on PV Sentences	177
Total # of days attributed to PV Sentences	23,589
Percentage of Actual Days/ PV Sentences	48.87%
% of Cost Attributed to PV Sentences	\$2,046,041.52
Equivalent Jail Beds	65

¹Sentences do not account for good time or time served credits

This data was collected from the Pima County Adult Detention Complex' (PCADC) Jail Management System (Spillman) where we capture arrest, offense and Pima County Jail sentencing data for inmates in PCADC custody.

The report (rpjprob) utilized to capture the data presented included all PCADC inmates currently incarcerated on January 6, 2014, listed each offense, where at least one offense contained a PCADC jail sentence disposition. The report was then condensed, excluding inmates sentenced to PCADC jail terms by the municipal or justice courts. This report does not include PCADC inmates who may be sentenced to future jail terms, inmates in PCADC custody on Superior Court Writs or any inmate incarcerated on pre-trial or pre-adjudication status.

It should be noted that most of the 332 inmates serving PCADC sentences are sentenced to a 'jail term as a condition of probation' out of Pima County Superior Court. However, 177 of the 332 inmates were sentenced on the Probation Violation offense (ARS§13-901). The Jail Management System does not depict whether this is a first probation violation or subsequent violation or whether the term of probation will be satisfied after this incarceration period. Our system also does not track any jail sentences based on plea agreements prohibiting prison terms.

The 'total days sentenced' calculation is based on original sentencing information without consideration for time-served, suspended days or good-time credit. The 'actual days served' calculation is based on the final calculated sentence or actual days served.

Cost calculations are based on current PCADC per diem rates and the permanent use of limited jail bedspace. (Equivalent jail beds = Actual Days Served ÷ 365 days per year)