



PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAM

"CITIZENS RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT"

Section 907.043 Florida Statutes

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

***Based on statistical data tracked for period:
January 1, 2015 - Dec. 31, 2015***

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The St. Lucie County Pretrial Release Program is funded through the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, under the office of the County Attorney, with direct supervision of the St. Lucie County Criminal Justice Coordinator.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY PRETRIAL PROGRAM
2015 ANNUAL REPORT (PER F.S. 907.043)
(January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015)

- Section I.** Required questions and answers per F.S. 907.043 “Citizens Right-to-Know Act”
- Section II.** Charts and graphs for statistical data required to provide answers to the questions in Section I. (Per F.S. 907.043)
(Including separate data for the sentencing part of the Program)
- Section III.** Summary and explanation of statistical data, services provided, required conditions of The St. Lucie County Pretrial Program
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The St. Lucie County Pretrial Release Program ("Program") has been staffed by county employees since June 2007. The Program was initially started in order to provide supervision of pretrial defendants and to alleviate jail over-crowding. The Program has since been expanded to provide supervision of other cases when ordered by the Judiciary. As a result, defendants have been sanctioned to the program from Drug Court, Mental Health Court, while pending appeal, and or while their cases are pending for Violation of Probation (County Court). In addition, due to the success of the Program, several of the County Court Judges requested that the Program take sentenced cases (misdemeanors only), as a condition of probation. The enhanced supervision conditions can include GPS monitoring, field visits (which are not provided by county probation services), along with house arrest and curfew requirements as an alternative to a county jail sentence.

In the spring of 2015, Okeechobee County reached out to the St. Lucie County Pretrial Program to assist them with their jail overcrowding issues. Okeechobee County has since developed a Public Safety Coordinating Council and it was recommended that they create a Pretrial release program with St. Lucie County's assistance. An inter-local agreement was drafted and was presented to the Board of County Commissioners in both counties and was approved. In August 2015, the St. Lucie County Pretrial Program began supervising the first cases for Okeechobee County.

Requirements for Pretrial Release Program per Florida Law

The following data provides the specific information required by Section 907.043 (4) (a), Florida Statutes (2012) for the annual report. There will be additional information (not required by Section 907.043) in other sections.

(4)(a) No later than March 31 of every year, each pretrial release program must submit an annual report for the previous calendar year to the governing body and to the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the pretrial release program is located. The annual report must be readily accessible to the public.

(b) The annual report must contain, but need not be limited to:

1. The name, location, and funding sources of the pretrial release program, including the amount of public funds, if any, received by the pretrial release program.

The St. Lucie County Pretrial Program is located in the St. Lucie County Courthouse, 218 South Second St. Fort Pierce, FL 34950. The program is fully funded by the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners through the Fine and Forfeiture Fund.

2. The operating and capital budget of each pretrial release program receiving public funds.

The 2015 St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioner's budget for the Pretrial Program was \$992,419.00 (which includes the GPS monitoring cost). The actual amount expended of the budget was \$795,207.32

3a. the percentage of the pretrial release program's total budget representing receipt of public funds.

The Program is 100% County funded.

b. The percentage of the total budget which is allocated to assisting defendants obtain release through a non- publicly funded program.

At this time, the program (including the GPS monitoring cost) is fully funded by St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners.

c. The amount of fees paid by defendants to the pretrial release program.

***Some defendants have been ordered by the Court to pay toward their Supervision/GPS monitoring cost. The amount collected in St. Lucie County (for January-December 2015) was \$290.00
No fees were collected by defendants in Okeechobee County.***

4. The number of persons employed by the pretrial release program.

Professional staff consists of 11 positions (Program Manager, two supervisors (one vacant), seven pretrial officers and one case manager).

5. The number of defendants assessed and interviewed for pretrial release.

There were no defendants assessed or interviewed for Pretrial release. In St. Lucie or Okeechobee Counties, the Judges decide who will be on pretrial release.

6. The number of defendants recommended for pretrial release.

The St. Lucie County Pretrial Program does not make recommendations but can review cases to determine if they meet the criteria or court-ordered conditions (per occasional request of the judges).

7. The number of defendants for whom the pretrial release program recommended against non-secured release.

The program does not recommend whether the release should be secured or non-secured. The Judiciary makes that decision.

8. The number of defendants granted non-secured release after the pretrial release program recommended non-secured release.

The program does not recommend whether the release should be secured or non-secured. The Judiciary makes that decision.

9. The number of defendants assessed and interviewed for pretrial release that were declared indigent by the court.

There were no defendants assessed or interviewed for Pretrial release in either St. Lucie or Okeechobee Counties.

10. The name and case number of each person granted non-secured release (ROR) who:

a. Failed to attend a scheduled court appearance.

In Okeechobee County no defendant who was granted non-secured release failed to appear. There was only 1 (one) failure to appear in St. Lucie County.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Case Number:</u>
<i>Pepin, Alex David</i>	<i>2014CT002944</i>

b. Was issued a warrant for failing to appear.

A warrant was immediately issued for the one Failure to Appear.

c. Was arrested for any offense while on release through the pretrial release program.

No defendants in Okeechobee County were arrested for new offenses while on the pretrial release program.

Six (6) defendants in St. Lucie County were arrested for new offenses while under non-secure release (ROR) and supervised by the Pretrial program:

Name:**Case Number:**

<i>Gallick, Pamela Marie</i>	<i>562015MM000248</i>
<i>Porter, Brian Stefan</i>	<i>562014MM002269</i>
<i>Abram, Tempest</i>	<i>562015CF000797</i>
<i>Mitz, Alisha Shenice</i>	<i>562013MM002847</i>
<i>Ridgley, Melvin Bernard</i>	<i>562015MM002873</i>
<i>Canton, Ayla</i>	<i>562015MM003287</i>

11. Any additional information deemed necessary by the governing body to assess the performance and cost-efficiency of the pretrial release program.

The St. Lucie County Pretrial Program is a county-funded program, providing both pretrial and post-trial supervision by court order. The Program was initially started strictly for “pretrial supervision”, as an alternative to jail incarceration. The Program provides the Court with options for supervision of defendants pending disposition of criminal cases both in County and Circuit Court. While the jail over-crowding was one factor that was of main concern at the time, the cost of jail medical care and treatment was becoming a major concern. Allowing specific defendants to be released under restrictive conditions to continue medical treatment or surgery, provided for savings to both the County and the Jail (with the defendants using their own insurance or resources). In addition, the County Court Judges requested consideration of the Program providing enhanced supervision (as a condition of probation), to allow specific type of cases to serve their sentence without incarceration (not losing their job, providing for their family, and at times receiving treatment and care for substance abuse, medical and mental health issues). The Court has to constantly look for options that will offer appropriate services, while still providing for public safety.

During 2015, for St. Lucie County there were 693 new defendants that entered the Program, with 200 carry-overs from the 2014 year, with a total of 893 defendants supervised. There were over 3,350 drug tests ordered for the year and 7,327 field/residence checks done. The Program continues to use GPS and enhanced supervision for release of medical cases from the jail (to reduce the cost to the County for on-going treatment, surgical procedures and terminal defendants). Approximately 72,662 “bed days” were saved at the rate of \$60 per day (without medical), at a projected savings of over \$4,359,720.00. The daily GPS cost per unit is now \$3.25 (down from \$8.00 per day in 2007), which provides for a tremendous savings when an inmate could cost several thousand dollars a day for medical care.

During the spring of 2015 when Okeechobee County reached out to St. Lucie County for assistance with the jail overcrowding issues a Public Safety Coordinating Council was created and it was recommended that St. Lucie County assist Okeechobee by monitoring defendant’s for them. An inter-local agreement

was created and approved by both Boards of County Commissioners at a cost of \$20,000 a quarter to Okeechobee County.

In August of 2015, the St. Lucie County Pretrial Program began supervising its first cases in Okeechobee. Since then, the program has supervised 22 defendants with 98 field/residence checks. Approximately 1167 “bed days” were saved at the Okeechobee rate of \$70 per day at a projected savings of over \$81,690.00 (without medical).

Yearly Statistics - Pretrial / Sentenced
Separate Reports

Year: 2015 County: St. Lucie

Monthly Summary - Pretrial Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Month	Avg # Defendants			Assessed / Interviewed**	Qualified / Meet Criteria	New Defendants		Detention Orders				Total	Disposed	Release Type		
	GPS	Non-GPS	HA *			Pretrial	Indigent	FTA	GPS	New	Drug			Prog	Pretrial	Bond
December	55	43	45	0	0	24	20	0	0	1	14	5	20	50	18	6
November	71	49	67	0	0	65	63	0	0	4	12	4	19	43	54	11
October	70	49	72	0	0	63	58	0	2	4	12	3	21	44	51	12
September	59	61	74	0	0	43	38	1	0	3	14	3	21	39	31	12
August	45	73	80	0	0	82	76	0	1	2	14	4	21	42	58	24
July	49	62	84	0	0	64	53	1	1	1	11	5	19	36	48	16
June	48	67	65	0	0	91	86	0	0	2	16	4	22	37	64	27
May	42	59	66	0	0	55	52	0	1	2	12	5	20	28	36	19
April	40	59	64	0	0	42	37	0	0	3	13	2	18	21	28	14
March	41	57	63	0	0	63	51	0	0	3	14	5	22	45	38	25
February	41	61	73	0	0	50	42	0	0	1	22	4	27	47	27	23
January	51	61	83	0	0	47	45	0	0	2	14	4	20	28	33	14
***Avg / Totals	51	59	69	0	0	689	621	2	5	28	168	48	250	460	486	203

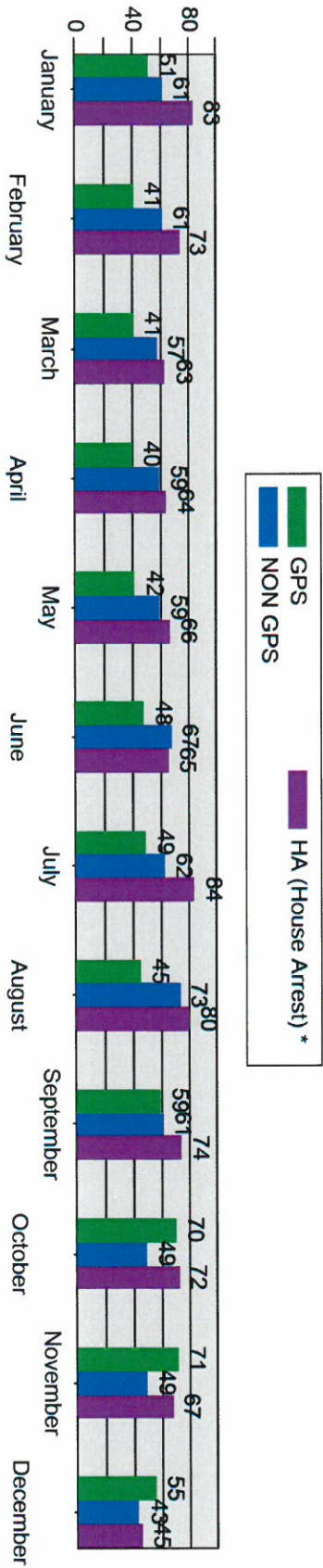
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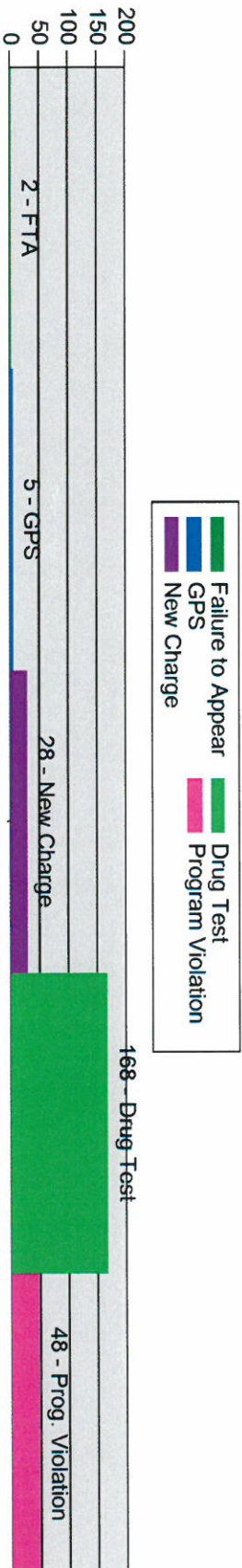
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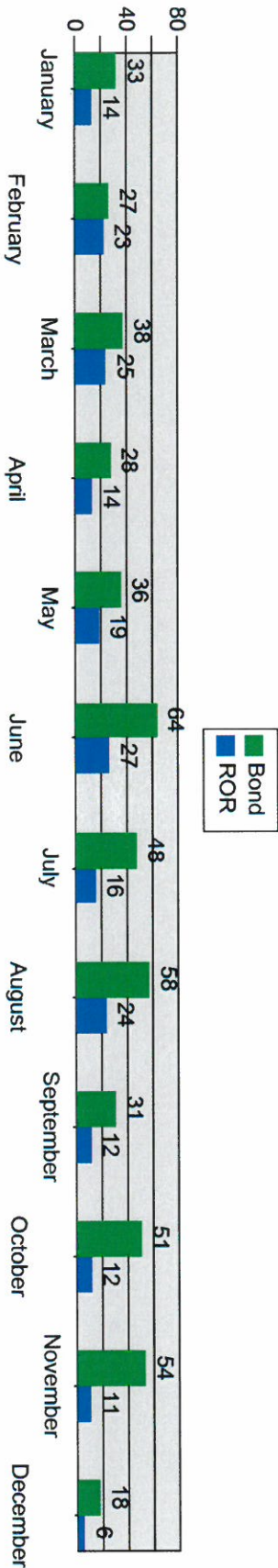
Average GPS / NON GPS / HA(House Arrest) - Pretrial



Total Violations - Pretrial



Jail Release Type



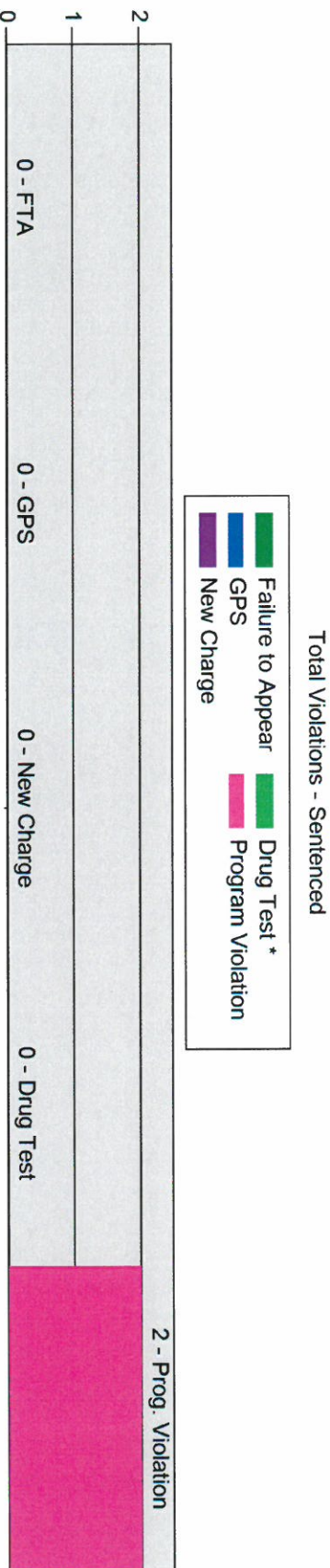
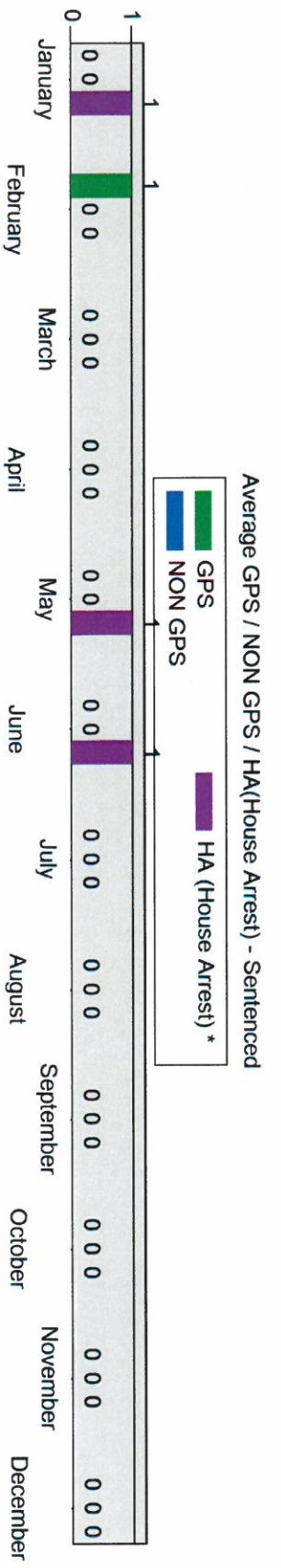
Monthly Summary - Sentenced Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Month	Avg # Defendants			Assessed / Interviewed**	Qualified / Meet Criteria	New Defendants		Detention Orders				Total	Completed
	Sentenced	Non-GPS	HA *			Sentenced	Indigent	FTA	GPS	New	Drug		
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
November	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
June	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
February	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
January	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	2	2	6

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Monthly Summary - Combined Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Month	Avg # Defendants			Assessed / Interviewed**	Qualified / Meet Criteria	New Defendants		Detention Orders			Total	Disposed/Completed		
	GPS	Non-GPS	HA *			Combined	Total	Indigent	FTA	GPS			New	Drug
December	56	43	45	0	0	24	20	0	0	1	14	5	20	52
November	71	49	67	0	0	66	64	0	0	4	12	4	19	43
October	70	49	72	0	0	63	58	0	2	4	12	3	21	44
September	59	61	74	0	0	44	38	1	0	3	14	4	22	39
August	45	73	80	0	0	82	76	0	1	2	14	4	21	42
July	49	62	84	0	0	64	53	1	1	1	11	5	19	37
June	48	67	66	0	0	91	86	0	0	2	16	4	22	37
May	42	59	67	0	0	55	52	0	1	2	12	5	20	28
April	40	59	64	0	0	43	38	0	0	3	13	2	18	21
March	41	57	63	0	0	63	51	0	0	3	14	5	22	46
February	42	61	74	0	0	50	42	0	0	1	22	4	27	48
January	51	61	84	0	0	48	46	0	0	2	14	5	21	29
***Avg / Totals	51	59	70	0	0	693	624	2	5	28	168	50	252	466

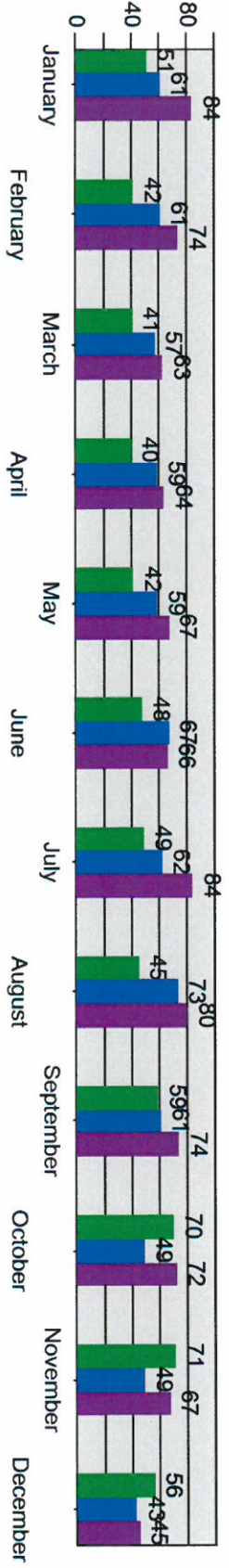
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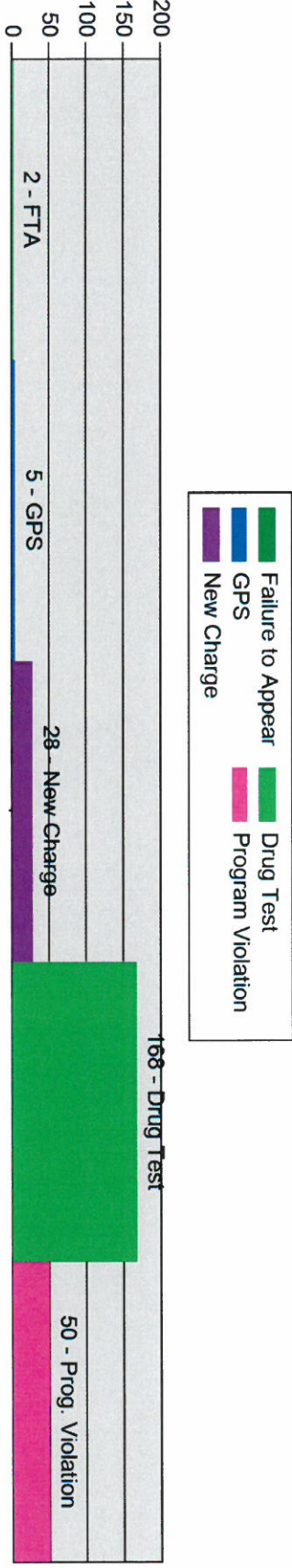
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Average GPS / NON GPS / HA(House Arrest) Combined



Total Violations - Combined



Yearly Statistics - Pretrial / Sentenced

Separate Reports

Year: 2015 County: Okeechobee

Monthly Summary - Pretrial Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

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	GPS	Non-GPS	HA *			Pretrial	Indigent	FTA	GPS	New	Drug			Prog	Pretrial	Bond
December	5	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	
November	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	
October	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
September	5	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	
August	2	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
***Avg / Totals	1	0	0	0	0	14	11	0	1	0	1	1	2	4	5	9

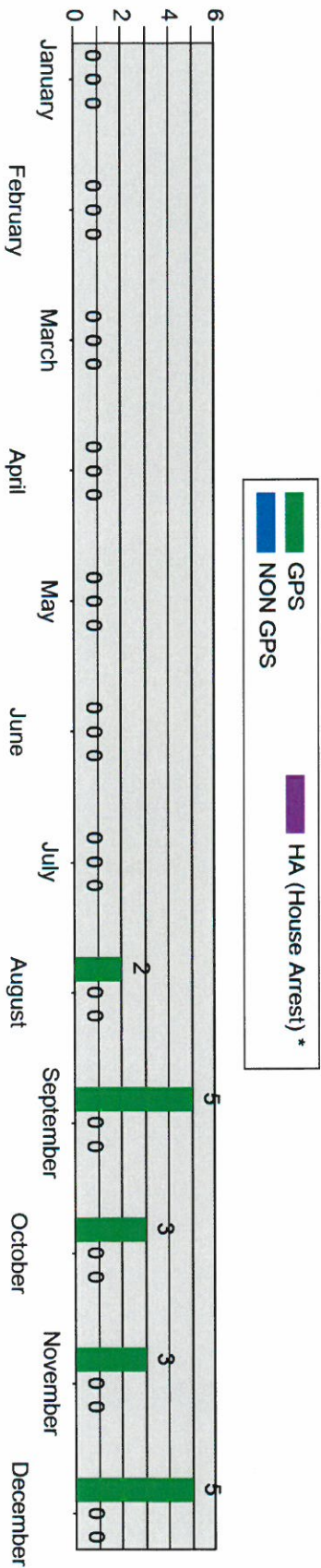
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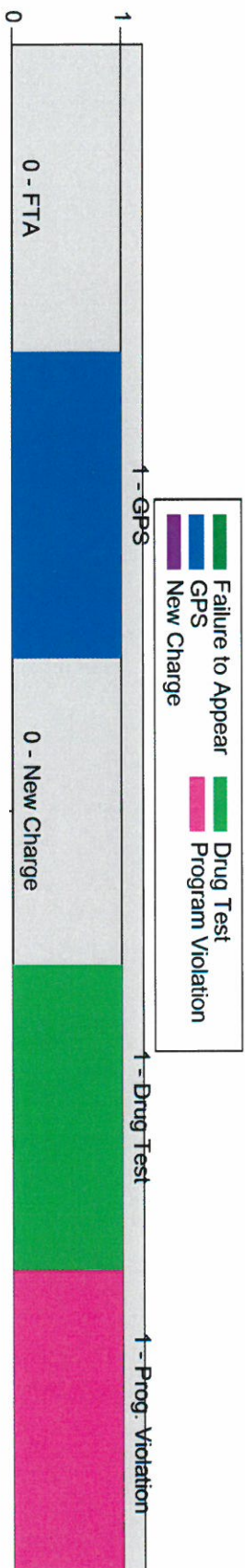
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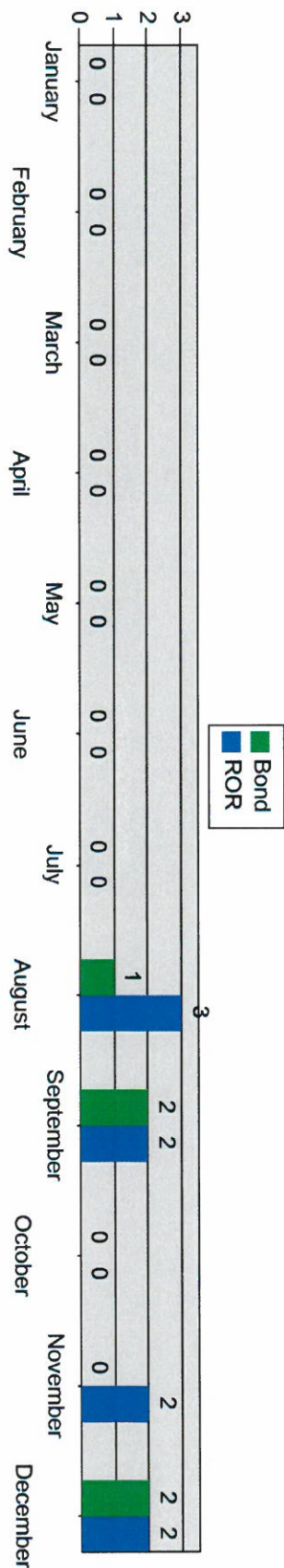
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Total Violations - Pretrial



Jail Release Type



Monthly Summary - Sentenced Report

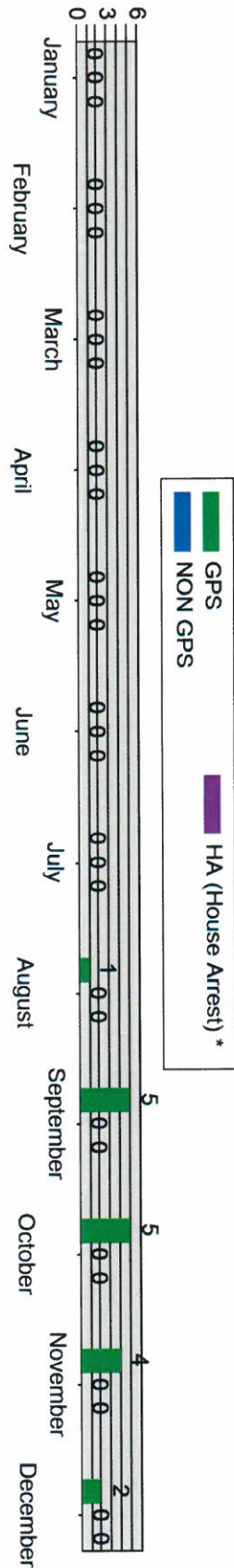
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	GPS Sentenced	Non-GPS	HA *			Sentenced	Indigent	FTA	GPS	New	Drug		
December	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
November	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
October	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
September	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
August	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	8

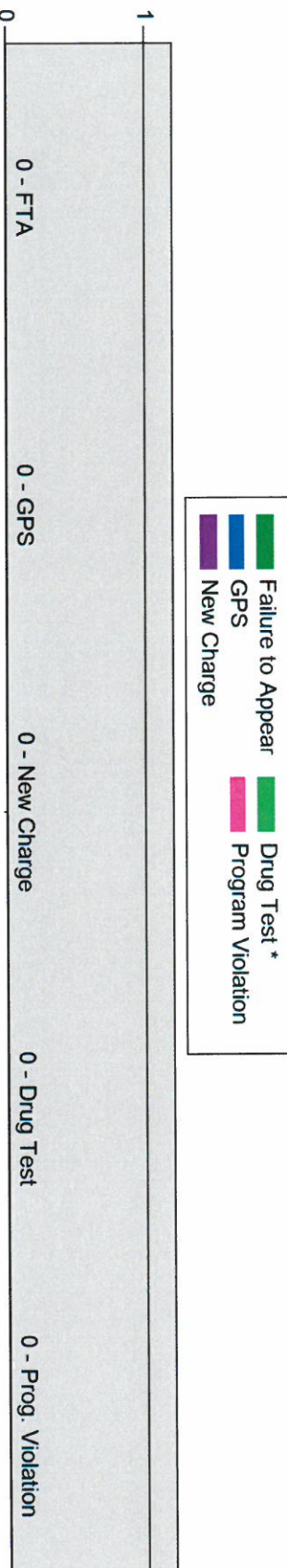
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December	7	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	3
November	7	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
October	9	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
September	11	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
August	3	0	0	0	0	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
***Avg / Totals	3	0	0	0	0	22	15	0	1	0	1	1	2

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