



PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAM

"CITIZENS RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT"

Section 907.043 Florida Statutes

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

***Based on statistical data tracked for period:
January 1, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2016***

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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.

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- 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 along with house arrest and curfew requirements as an alternative to a county jail sentence.

In the spring of 2015, Okeechobee County requested 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 interlocal 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 2016 St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioner's budgeted \$1,101,809.00 for the Pretrial Program (which includes the GPS monitoring cost). The actual amount expended of the budget was \$783,850.31. Included in the budget is the \$80,000.00 that is collected from Okeechobee County as per the interlocal agreement.

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.

Although not mandatory, some defendants were ordered by the Court to pay a fee toward their Supervision/GPS monitoring cost. The amount collected in St. Lucie County (for January-December 2016) was \$1,711.00

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, seven pretrial officers (one vacancy), 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>
Wells, David	562016MM000019

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.

Three (3) defendants in St. Lucie County were arrested for new offenses while under non-secure release (ROR) and supervised by the Pretrial program:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Case Number:</u>
<i>Bachman, Amanda</i>	<i>562016MM001157</i>
<i>Mitchell, Edward</i>	<i>562016MM000438</i>
<i>Brasino, Nicholas</i>	<i>562016MM002581</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.

For St. Lucie County in 2016, there were 493 new pretrial defendants that entered the Program, 4 new defendants were sentenced to the program with 115 carry-overs from the 2015 year, with a total of 612 defendants supervised. There were 1,448 drug tests ordered for the year and 3,911 field/residence checks done. Approximately 44,494 “bed days” were saved at the rate of \$71.31 per day based on the Sheriff’s Office rate, at a projected savings of \$3,172,867.14.

2016 was the first full year that the St. Lucie County Pretrial program supervised defendants in Okeechobee County. 72 new pretrial defendants entered into the

program and 19 new defendants were sentenced to the program. 7 defendants were carry overs from 2015 with a total of 98 defendants supervised. There were 243 drug tests ordered and 617 field/residence checks done. There were 7,660 “bed days” saved at the rate of \$70.00 per day at a projected savings of \$536,200.00, which does not include any outside medical care.

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).

St. Lucie County Pretrial Program
 Yearly Statistics - Pretrial / Sentenced
 Separate Reports

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Year: 2016 County: Okeechobee

Monthly Summary - Pretrial Report

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

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	13	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	5
November	13	0	1	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	0	5
October	11	0	2	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8
September	11	0	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	3
August	15	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	1	2
July	16	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	5
June	15	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	3
May	15	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	5	1	3
April	17	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	5
March	19	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	4
February	16	0	0	0	0	16	16	0	1	0	0	2	3	3	7	9
January	7	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	3
***Avg / Totals	14	0	0	0	0	72	72	0	2	0	7	9	18	33	17	55

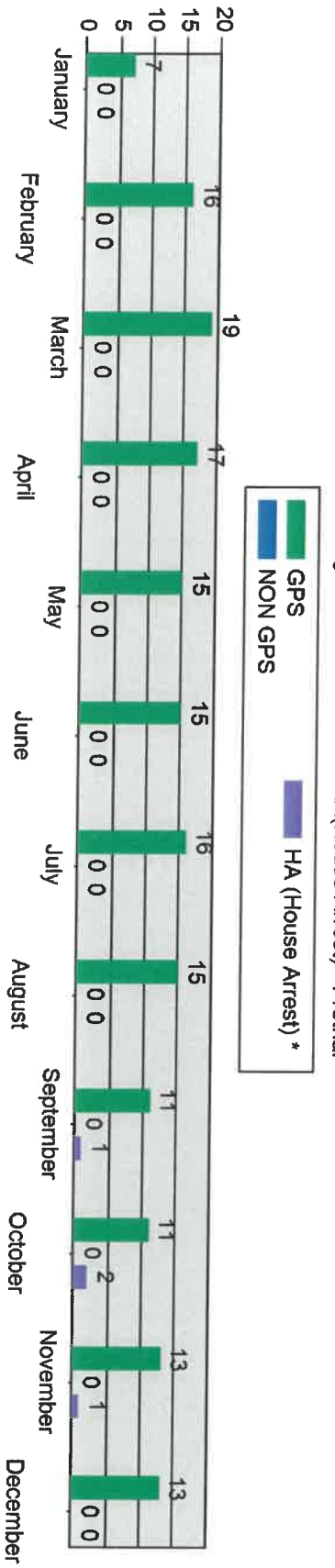
* HA (House arrest or curfew - without a GPS unit)

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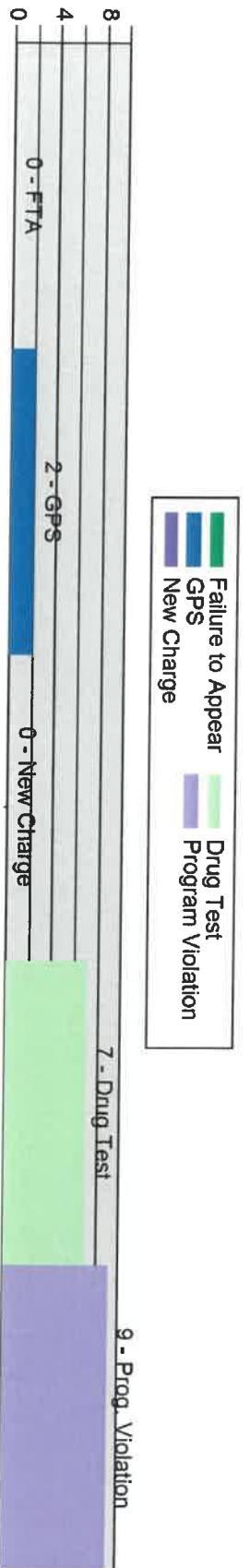
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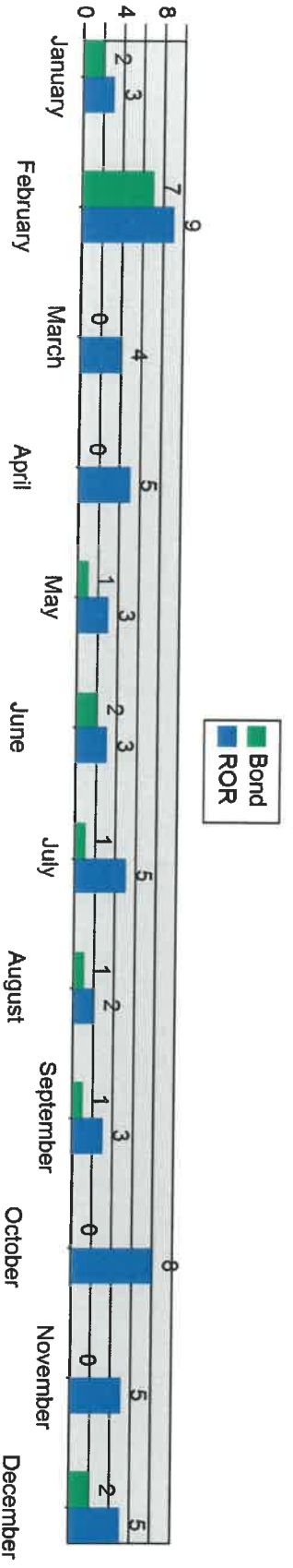
Average GPS / NON GPS / HA(House Arrest) - Pretrial



Total Violations - Pretrial



Jail Release Type



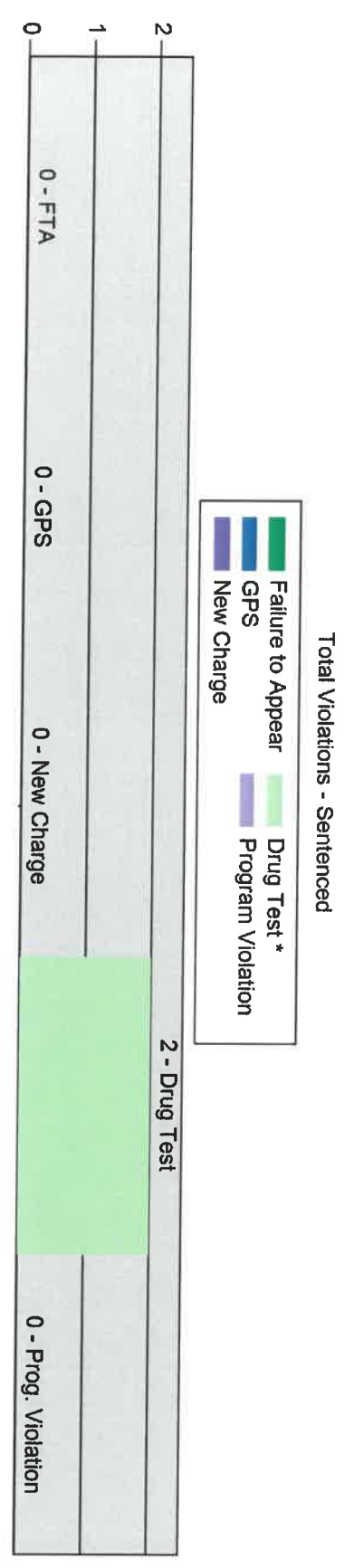
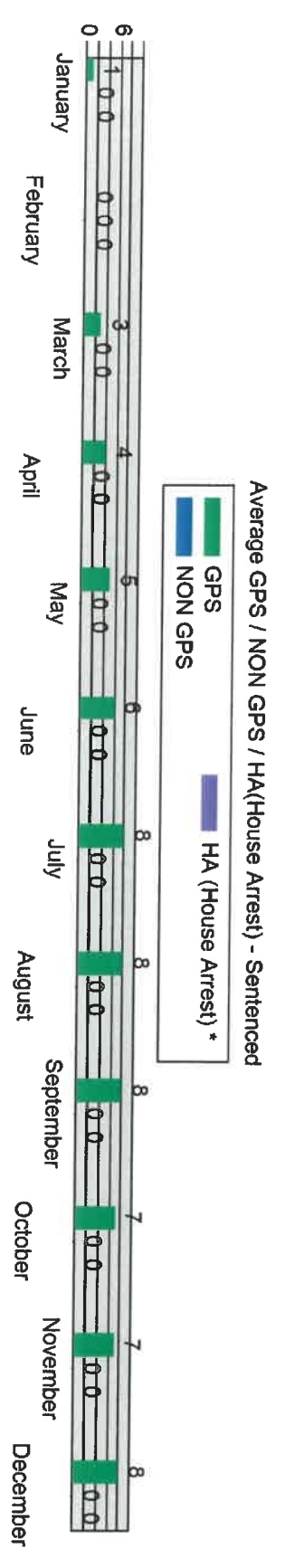
Monthly Summary - Sentenced Report

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Month	Avg # Defendants			Assessed / Interviewed**	Qualified / Meet Criteria	New Defendants		Detention Orders				Total	Completed	
	Sentenced	Non-GPS	HA *			Sentenced	Indigent	FTA	Sentenced	New	Drug			Prog
December	8	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
November	7	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
October	7	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
September	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
August	8	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
July	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
June	6	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
March	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
January	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	5	0	0	0	0	19	18	0	0	2	0	2	14	

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* Drug Testing for sentenced cases is usually done through C.O.R.E. (County Probation), so there would be very few violations reported in this category.

Year: 2016 County: St. Lucie

Monthly Summary - Combined Report
 January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

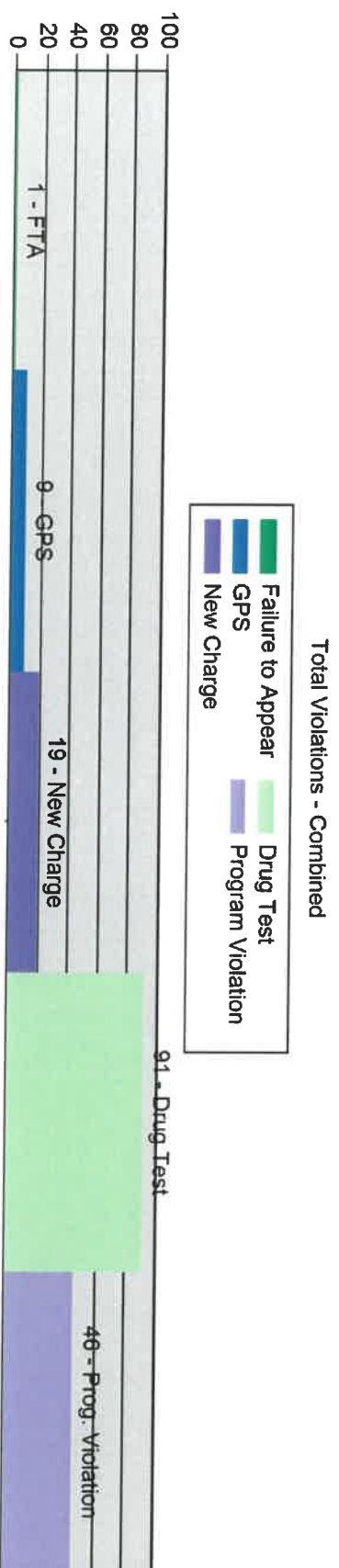
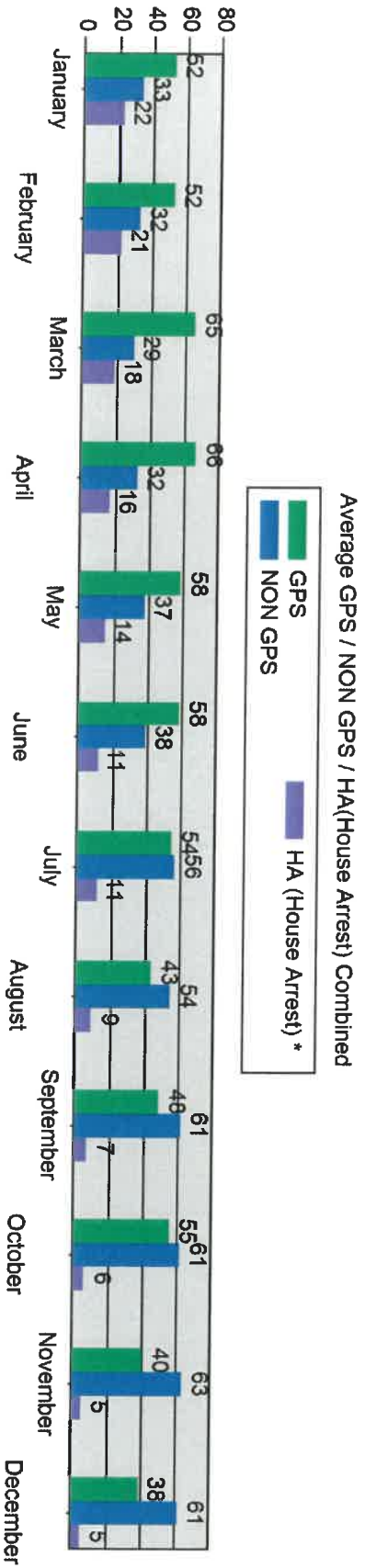
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December	38	61	5	0	0	33	30	0	0	0	12	3	15	22
November	40	63	5	0	0	31	31	0	1	3	6	2	12	36
October	55	61	6	0	0	58	57	0	1	6	12	3	22	25
September	48	61	7	0	0	46	45	0	0	1	5	5	11	28
August	43	54	9	0	0	58	58	0	1	3	12	5	21	33
July	54	56	11	0	0	37	35	0	0	1	11	4	16	18
June	58	38	11	0	0	51	48	0	1	1	4	7	13	24
May	58	37	14	0	0	44	44	1	1	2	5	7	16	33
April	66	32	16	0	0	38	35	0	1	1	4	2	8	25
March	65	29	18	0	0	36	36	0	1	1	5	3	10	28
February	52	32	21	0	0	45	42	0	1	0	7	3	11	33
January	52	33	22	0	0	20	20	0	1	0	8	2	11	31
***Avg / Totals	52	46	12	0	0	497	481	1	9	19	91	46	166	336

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October	18	0	2	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	8	
September	19	0	1	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	1	1	5	
August	24	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	2	6	
July	24	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	2	
June	21	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	3	
May	20	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	
April	22	0	0	0	0	8	7	0	0	0	2	1	2	
March	22	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	
February	16	0	0	0	0	17	17	0	1	0	0	2	4	
January	8	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	
***Avg / Totals	20	0	0	0	0	91	90	0	2	0	9	9	20	47

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