

The background features two faint, light-colored sketches. On the left is a globe with various symbols and patterns on its surface. On the right is a blimp or airship with a long, thin body and a tail section. The overall background has a textured, parchment-like appearance.

# PRETRIAL RELEASE UPDATE

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CHIEF JUSTICE ORDER & PRESIDING RELEASE ORDER

JUNE 2024

# CHIEF JUSTICE ORDER & PRESIDING RELEASE ORDER

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- HB4002 Required Chief Justice to evaluate release guidelines for persons charged with distribution or manufacturing drug cases.
- Revised Chief Justice Order – May 2024
- Chief Justice Order sets the release guidelines for every charge.
  - Release Guidelines 1, 2 or 3
    1. Release on Own Recognizance
    2. Release with Conditions,
    3. Hold for Arraignment
- Presiding Judges directed to revise current Pretrial Release Orders

# PRESIDING RELEASE ORDER REVISIONS

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- Highlights
  - Any person charged with Distribution or Manufacture of Fentanyl will be held for arraignment
  - Any person charged with Substantial quantities or commercial drug offenses will be held for arraignment.
  - Person booked on a UUMV, PSMV, Burglary 2 and has at least one prior conviction in the last 3 years shall be held.
  - Person making clear and unequivocal threat to cause harm to a named victim shall be held.

# PRESIDING RELEASE ORDER REVISIONS

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- Highlights – Failure to Appear
  - Person booked into custody and have 5 or more historical failures to appear within the last 3 years
  - Person is booked into custody on a failure to appear warrant on a pending felony or person misdemeanor. Except if they are unrepresented.
  - Unrepresented person is booked on a failure to appear warrant. Having failed to appear two or more times on separate dates
  - Person is booked into custody on a failure to appear warrant on a non person misdemeanor having had two or more FTA's in the pending case.

# JUSTICE CENTER HEARINGS IN MAY 2024

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		Hearings	% Held	% FTA
JC 3	Felony	1133	76%	24%
	Misdemeanor	331	70%	30%

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JC 4	Felony	-	-	-
	Misdemeanor	1284	66%	34%

- There has been a decrease in misdemeanor FTAs from summer 2023 where the FTA rate was 44-46%.
- Felony Case from June 2023-May 2024 Average 25% FTA Rate