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Pretrial Monitoring Background & Future Planning

December 1, 2025

Local Public Safety Coordinating Council

Agenda

- Current structure of pretrial monitoring
- Pretrial subcommittee
- Close Street closure and BCC Budget Note
- JSP Reports
- Next Steps & Progress



Background

- Multnomah County has two pretrial monitoring programs:
 - Pretrial Services Program (PSP) under the Department of Community Justice
 - Close Street Supervision (CSS) under the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)
- Historically, cases have been assigned to PSP or CSS based upon charges



Pretrial Reform Project

2019: Justice System Partners (JSP) completed a full pretrial system assessment with recommendations for improvements (SJC Grant)

2023: Multnomah County implemented the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) assessing likelihood of:

- New criminal activity while on pretrial release
- Successful court appearance

With PSA implementation, cases were assigned to CSS and PSP based on assessed risk, with room for judicial discretion

- Low risk (level 1) were recommended for PSP
- Medium and High Risk (level 2-3+) were recommended for CSS



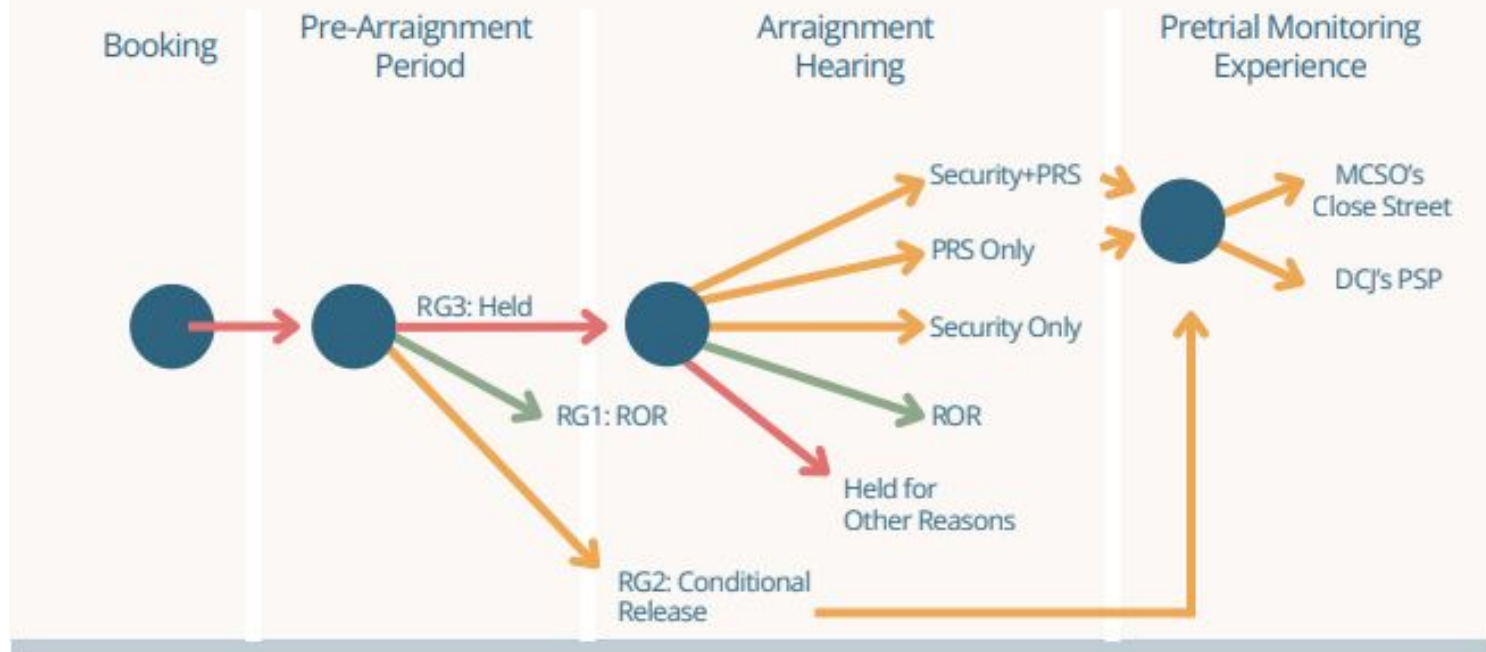
Pretrial Monitoring Reporting Levels

PML	Reporting Instructions
Level 1	Report to Pretrial Services Program once per month by phone.
Level 2	Report to Close Street once every other week by phone.
Level 3	Report to Close Street once per week by phone.
Level 3+	Report to Close Street once per week by phone, and once per month in person. Electronic Monitoring conditions (GPS, SCRAM, Breath) may be used, when appropriate.

- Pretrial monitoring levels (PML) are recommended by the Public Safety Assessment (PSA)
- Emphasis is placed on least restrictive conditions to ensure successful court appearance and community safety



Figure 1
Multnomah County's Pretrial Process

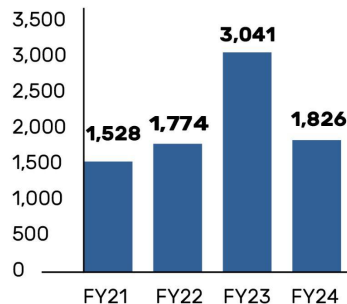


Pretrial Services Program(PSP): DCJ

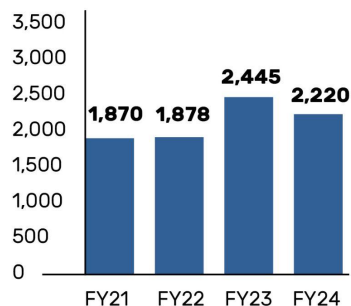
ASD's PSP provides pretrial monitoring for defendants with a PSA level 1, and for adults currently on supervision with DCJ with new charges.

- Corrections Technicians **monitor and report the defendant's violation behaviors to the Court**
- and **ensure defendants are notified to attend court hearings**

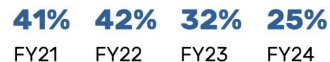
Number of Intakes per Fiscal Year



Number served at any given point during the fiscal year using data from the pretrial database.



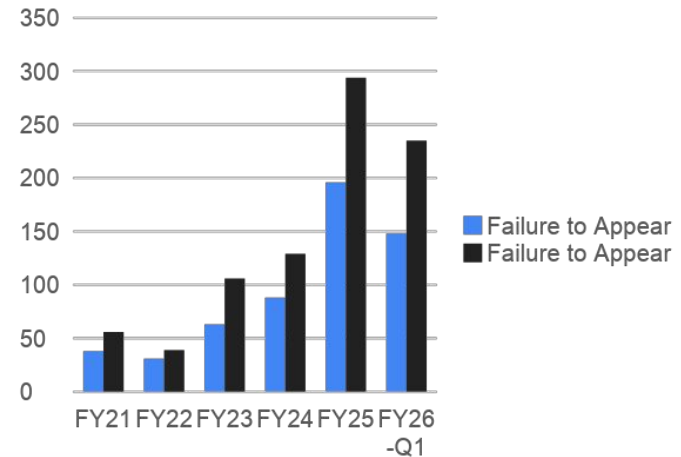
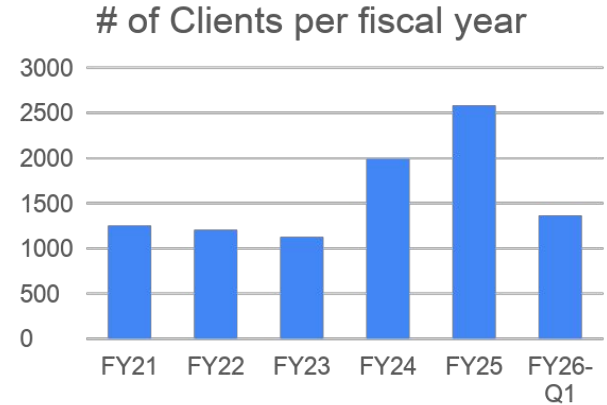
FTA rates for individuals in PSP for each fiscal year



Close Street: MCSO

Close Street provides monitoring for defendants assigned to pretrial monitoring levels 2 - 3+. CS is staffed by corrections deputies and corrections counselors.

- As of November 2025, CSS deputies supervised an average of 116 clients
- CSS caseloads have more than doubled since FY 2023
- Clients failing to appear for court hearings more than doubled from FY 2024 to 2025
- 13.17% of clients had an FTA in 2025



Pretrial Monitoring: Current Challenges

- Unmanageable caseloads for high risk clients (per MCSO, as of Sept 24th there are 624 clients on CS, more than double the caseload in Fall 2022)
- Lack of accessible data and regular data reporting
- Limited availability of supportive services, no warm handoff



Pretrial Subcommittee

2023: LPSCC launched a Pretrial Subcommittee focusing on improving the pretrial monitoring system, emphasizing three goals:

1. Increase successful court appearance while on pretrial release
2. Decrease new criminal activity while on pretrial release
3. Increase stakeholder trust in the pretrial system

2025: BOCC approved a budget note to request options from the pretrial subcommittee for pretrial monitoring



Pretrial Subcommittee Membership

Multnomah County District Attorney's Office

Multnomah County Department of Community Justice

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

Courts: Judge and Trial Court Administration

Metropolitan Public Defenders and Multnomah Defenders Inc.

Justice Fellow

Domestic and Sexual Violence Coordination Office

Portland State University Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute

Justice System Partners

Chair's Office, D2 and D3 Staff



Pretrial Subcommittee Themes

Highest priority system enhancements include:

- Peer Services
- Case Management
- Supportive Services

High Priority:

- Access to existing County services
- Data
- Unified structure



Impact of Close Street Closure

- Judges will be more limited in release options for individuals assessed as high risk, possibly resulting in:
 - Increased usage of pre-adjudication jail
 - Increased use of security release, which most defendants cannot afford to pay
- DCJ PSP cannot absorb CSS clients due capacity challenges; classification limits ability to provide any services in the field



JSP Report: First Step Forward

- Shift from compliance focused pretrial monitoring to supportive pretrial services
- Establish separate, support-focused programs/entities, separate from the legal system
- Implement warm-handoffs
- Establish targeted support services, based on a needs assessment, that address: basic needs, transportation, accessibility, housing, and substance use



JSP Report: Moving Forward

- Provides overview of current state of pretrial monitoring based on: interviews, process observation, data analysis
- Compares current state to enhanced practice recommendations
- Offers opportunities to move to a support-oriented model and increase court appearance
- Provides options for near and long-term change



Next Steps and Progress

Pretrial Subcommittee:

- Exploring current opportunities for improvement; assigned to partner agencies
- In-depth review of JSP reports and recommendations
- Small data committee launched, review of individuals at level 3+ (apx 50)

Other Activities:

- Cost Analysis (MCSO, DCJ, Budget Office, JSP)
- Engaging partners: Government Relations; Office of Diversity and Equity; County Attorney's Office, Department of County Human Services, Central HR
- Public Safety Assessment (PSA) Validation (JSP)

12/15/2025: Pretrial Retreat

1/8/2026: Briefing Update to BOCC

