

ORIENTATION INFORMATION

Please become familiar with release the conditions on your Rules and Regulations sheet. Call Pretrial Services at 305-294-7288 if you have not been contacted by your assigned Officer within 24 hours of your release.

If you have been ordered to submit to random urinalysis, your Officer will assist you in identifying the best location for your sample submissions.

- Please bring your Photo ID to the lab facility every time you submit a sample.
- If you are taking prescriptions, Pretrial Services will need confirmation faxed from your pharmacy and/or doctor.
- You can avoid receiving abnormal results by refraining from ingesting adulterating substances and by eating a meal with moderate amounts of liquids one to two hours prior to providing a sample. Avoid drinking an abundant amount of water before your drug test. Abnormal/dilute and Positive urinalysis results may result in a warrant for your arrest and termination of your Pretrial Services release condition.

For more information, speak with your Public Defender or Private Attorney

Public Defender's Office Numbers:

Key West	305-295-3100
Marathon	305-289-6015
Plantation Key	305-853-7410

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

It is the Legislative intent and policy of this State that persons committing serious criminal offenses, those failing to appear at trial, those posing a threat to the safety of the community or the integrity of the judicial process, be detained upon arrest. However, persons found to meet specified criteria shall be released under certain conditions until their cases are resolved. The Legislature finds that this policy of pretrial detention and release will assure the detention of those persons posing a threat to society while reducing the costs for incarceration by releasing, until case resolution, those persons not considered a danger to the community. It is the intent of the Legislature that the primary consideration be the protection of the community from risk of physical harm to persons. It is also the intent of the Legislature to create a presumption in favor of release on nonmonetary conditions for any person who is granted pretrial release, unless such person is charged with a dangerous crime. No person shall be released on nonmonetary conditions under the supervision of pretrial services, unless the program certifies to the court that it has investigated or otherwise verified the circumstances of the accused's family; employment; financial resources; character; mental condition; and length of residence in the community; the accused's record of convictions and court appearances; any flight to avoid prosecution; and any failures to appear at court proceedings.

16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PRETRIAL SERVICES



OUR MISSION

To provide comprehensive evidence-based case management services to the courts, from case inception through closure, thereby promoting community safety while increasing court appearance rates.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To assist judges in the fair administration of justice by providing services and information to facilitate the release and detention decision-making process.
- To minimize unnecessary pretrial detention and protect the due process rights of our citizens.
- To reduce non-appearance rates and enhance community safety through the use of evidence-based Pretrial Practices.
- To support, encourage, and provide assistance to defendants placed on Pretrial Services, from the time of placement, through case closure.

HISTORY OF PRETRIAL SERVICES

The first pretrial services program in the country, the Manhattan Bail Project, was

established in New York City in 1961. The purpose was to assist judges in making release decisions that were more consistent and less dependent on release through financial means. The experiences of the Manhattan Bail Project launched what became known as the Bail Reform Movement, during which statutes across the country were rewritten to emphasize a preference for releasing arrestees on their own recognizance pending final disposition of their cases. For this change to occur, verified information about the arrestee was deemed critical and pretrial screening and supervision programs were created to address this need.

In Monroe County, Pretrial Services began in July 1988 as a program under the direct supervision of Court Administration in the 16th Judicial Circuit. Pretrial Services provides direct case-flow management for the judges who preside over all criminal divisions in Monroe County.

The department is comprised of an Assessment and Supervision unit.

ASSESSMENT & SUPERVISION UNITS

The Pretrial Assessment unit conducts intakes/investigations on defendants arrested, seven days per week, and is

located next to the Monroe County Detention Facility on Stock Island. The Supervision Unit supervises all defendants released on pretrial supervision.

Primary functions of the Assessment Unit:

- Collection, verification, and the investigation of demographic and criminal history information.
- Assessment of risk for every booked defendant.
- Presentation of compiled information to the First Appearance judge to aid in the release decision.

Primary functions of the Supervision Unit:

- Monitor cases from arrest to disposition.
- Develop reporting plans based on the first appearance orders.
- Enforce conditions such as no contact orders and random drug and alcohol screens.
- Refer defendants to diversionary programs when appropriate.
- Report violations to the court in a timely manner.
- Provide court date reminders to decrease failure to appear rates.
- Track and provide the court with case status updates.
- Serve as a liaison between agencies for information sharing.
- Facilitate on-time disposition of cases.

- Generate performance measures and age-pending reports.
- Research cases extending beyond time goals to identify reasons for delay and facilitate case progression.

Our goal as the staff of the 16th Judicial Pretrial Services Program is to offer the tools, encouragement, and any support that you may need to successfully complete your period of supervision with us.

CALL OR CONTACT PRETRIAL SERVICES

Phone Number: 305-294-7288

Address: 5503 College Road 2nd Floor, Suite 205, Key West, FL 33040