

Who are we?

We are 1 of 30 programs operating in North Carolina providing pretrial screening services to our county and monitoring of our released pretrial defendants. We are funded by local county government.



Our three components:

*First Appearance Assessments
Pretrial Supervision
Electronic Monitoring
(EM/EHA)*



What charges are eligible?

G, H and I Felonies, Misdemeanors, 1st offense DV cases with victim notification and consent, (M) Probation Violations (non-absconders) All other charges may be considered for PTS using the referral process



Who can refer defendants?

- Pretrial Staff
- Judges
- Defense Attorneys
- Mental Health Jail Diversion
- Magistrates
- Jail Medical
- Jail Population Control

*Referral forms are available upon request

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The mission of JSD is to promote public safety through support for the local criminal justice system and to supervise and rehabilitate justice involved individuals through a wide array of supportive services so that they may achieve their full potential as contributing members of our community.

**Justice Services Center
is located at
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**Justice Services
Department**

Pretrial Services

*Providing Positive Opportunities for
Justice-Involved Individuals*



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Hours of Operation

**Monday – Thursday
8:15am – 8:00pm
Friday & Sunday
8:15am – 4:30pm**

Why are we important?

- We verify information provided to the court (i.e. criminal histories, addresses, medical and mental health treatment and community ties)
- Provide an opportunity for defendants to be released from custody to prepare for their defense, return to their families, work and or school
- Provide supervision in lieu of incarceration at a lower cost to the county (approx. \$7.50 per day vs. \$98.73)
- Promote victim involvement by communicating information and concerns to the court prior to and after defendant's release (set up EM exclusion zones to notify the court of defendant location near or around designated areas)
- Assist with jail population management of pre-trial and pre-sentence defendants
- Reduce medical costs to the county for defendants with costly medical needs
- For those defendants who are not eligible or op-out, we will provide telephone bond assistance by notifying their family and/or friends of court dates and bond amounts to assist with their release.

What we do...

Pretrial Services prepares criminal history summaries for all defendants at first appearance.



Based on our eligibility criteria we interview and investigate newly arrested defendants to gather information for the court so that informed appropriate bond decisions can be made.



Supervise released defendants utilizing a risk assessment tool that recommends the appropriate level of supervision based on community ties and criminal history.



Foster client personal growth by connecting them with in-house & community resources when appropriate.



Report violations of court orders and new crimes to the court



Provide automated telephone court date reminders

*A release recommendation will only be provided for charge eligible defendants. All non-charge eligible defendants who have been referred will be screened and a referral finding- which includes a summary of verified information - will be presented to the court.

High Risk Offender Supervision (HROS)

Defendants with higher level offenses can be released to our program by the court but often require additional supervision. PTS with the assistance of Extreme Monitoring Concepts (EMC) will monitor these clients with Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) transmitter worn on the ankle.

Electronic Monitoring Features:

- ✓ 1-5-minute increment updates
- ✓ 24/7 location monitoring & response
- ✓ Audible alerts & Two-way communication
- ✓ Cut resistant ankle cuffs
- ✓ In-home eArrest Beacon
- ✓ Activity reports / recorded data
- ✓ Inclusion & Exclusion Zones options
- ✓ Monitoring duration options
- ✓ Adjustable curfews or 24hr. lock-in

**Non-charge eligible clients may be subject to EM or EHA and/or travel restrictions unless otherwise modified by the court.