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Partners Provide Update on Allegheny County Jail Population Summary

PITTSBURGH – Beginning on March 16, 2020, the Criminal Court, including judges, the Public Defender's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Allegheny County Jail, Court Administration, Pretrial Services and Adult Probation began working collaboratively to release inmates, as appropriate, from the Allegheny County Jail.

The status of the jail population as of 4:30PM on April 20th, 2020 was as follows:

- 1,274 people were in the Allegheny County Jail and 48 people were in alternative housing facilities, excluding any people with holds by the federal government. Note that people can be held in the jail for multiple reasons such as probation and parole detainers, other county holds, or sentences.
- 8% (102) of people in the jail itself are serving a county sentence as the result of a new conviction.
- 22% (277) of people in the jail itself had a hold from an external jurisdiction including other counties or the state.
- 44% (565) of people in the jail itself were detained by Allegheny County Adult Probation. These individuals were detained for violating probation on a crime for which they had previously been convicted. Of those, 88% (498) were of moderate or high risk to re-offend based on their probation proxy risk score. The remainder were being held for a variety of reasons, including violent felonies, awaiting mental health commitments or service plans, and other reasons related to their own safety or the safety of the community.
- 21% (271) of people in the jail itself were held pretrial only, meaning they had no other reason (such as external holds or detainer) keeping them in the jail. Of these people, only 2% were screened as low risk for re-offense based on the Allegheny County locally validated pretrial risk assessment (without consideration of the seriousness of the current offense).
- Only 79 individuals (approximately 6% of the jail population) are currently being held in the Allegheny County Jail pretrial-only on monetary bonds. Of these individuals, only 9 screened as low risk for new criminal activity, and all 9 of these individuals were facing charges for violent offenses.
- All pretrial monetary bond cases are reviewed for possible bail modification.

To date, release paperwork has been sent for 800 inmates which includes both those in the jail and alternative housing. This number is not inclusive of all releases sent during this time period. Additional releases would include releases from the Pennsylvania Parole Board, out of county detainers, family

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division holds, and federal holds. As of 4:30 PM on April 20, 1,086 inmates have been physically released from the facility.

The Allegheny County Jail population (excluding federal holds, but including alternative housing) on March 16, 2020 was 2,075, including 1,859 inmates in the jail itself, and 216 people in alternative housing facilities. As of April 20, 2020, the inmate population in the jail itself was 1,274 a 31% decrease and the alternative housing population was 48, a 78% decrease. The detainer population in the jail itself on March 16, 2020 was 889 and on April 20, 2020 was 565, a 36% decrease.

Releasing inmates from the jail, many of whom have multiple holds, is a process that involves multiple system checks and a careful review of public and victim safety. All parties are working tirelessly with multiple system partners to release inmates with the safety of the public in mind.

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