

## **Great Game Huddle Notes**

### **November 19, 2019**

Angie Crews started today's Huddle introducing Natalie Gomez from Greene County Pretrial Services.

### **Greene County Pretrial Services**

#### **Mission Statement**

*The mission of Greene County Pretrial Services is to operate a pretrial system that is safe, fair and effective and which maximizes public safety, court appearance, and appropriate use of release, supervision and detention.*

Natalie shared there are two major functions to the Pretrial office.

1. Risk Assessments
2. Pretrial Supervision

#### **Risk Assessments**

- Initial appearance in front of a Judge (within 48 hours), Judges will order a Risk Assessment be completed on the individual to give them as much information as possible to make a release decision at the Bond Reduction Hearing.
- Defendant interview at the Jail and gather information (home and employment information, family, education, substance abuse, and treatment history)
- Criminal History outline
- Risk Factors- 13
- Risk Assessment Tool gives a Risk score. This score indicates the risk of the defendant to commit new crime or not return to Court if released pretrial.

#### **Pretrial Supervision**

- Bond Reduction Hearing:
  - Keep bond as is, reduce the bond or release an individual on their own recognizance. Supervised by a Pretrial Officer while on bond.
  - GPS, SCRAM or house arrest.
  - Other conditions possible such as drug testing or treatment.
- Felonies and Misdemeanors.
- We have defendants that remain on supervision from a few months to more than a year.
- If a defendant violates a condition of their supervision the Court is notified and most likely a hearing scheduled.

#### **GPS**

- Third party provides GPS monitoring. It is nice because they are just across the street from the Judicial Courts facility.
- Unit cost \$9 per day for each bracelet and monitor. As of now Greene County is pay for the cost. There is a slight chance that the defendant will pay for it, if he/she can afford a lawyer
- A phone is not necessary to utilize this service.
- The GPS provider can also create "exclusion zones" or areas where entry will create an instant alert (victim's address).
- Contracted agency will notify 911 of exclusion zone violation.

#### **SCRAM (System Continuous Alcohol and Monitoring)**

- Alcohol monitoring - Unit costs \$10 per day of operation
- Monitor for alcohol consumption 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through the continuous monitoring of perspiration.
- The device also monitors temperature and electrical resistance to prevent tampering (ex. placing items between the monitor and the skin).
- Defendants report once per week to have the device's stored data downloaded for analysis.

Currently there are 283 defendants under supervision (GPS – 67, SCRAM – 31)

The team consist of:

- Five Officers that write Risk Assessment
- Two Officers with full case loads
- One Officer with partial caseload that supervise defendants pretrial

Pretrial has recently changed their screening software to PSA from Kentucky Tool.

- Although the new software eliminate the need to conduct an interview with the defendant, Pretrial has opted to continue for that extra supervision.
- With the relocation of the jail the new Software will be better. Less travel time for the Officer.

Pretrial is located in the north end of the second floor of the Courthouse and welcomes County employees to come over and visit.