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Municipal Court of Atlanta

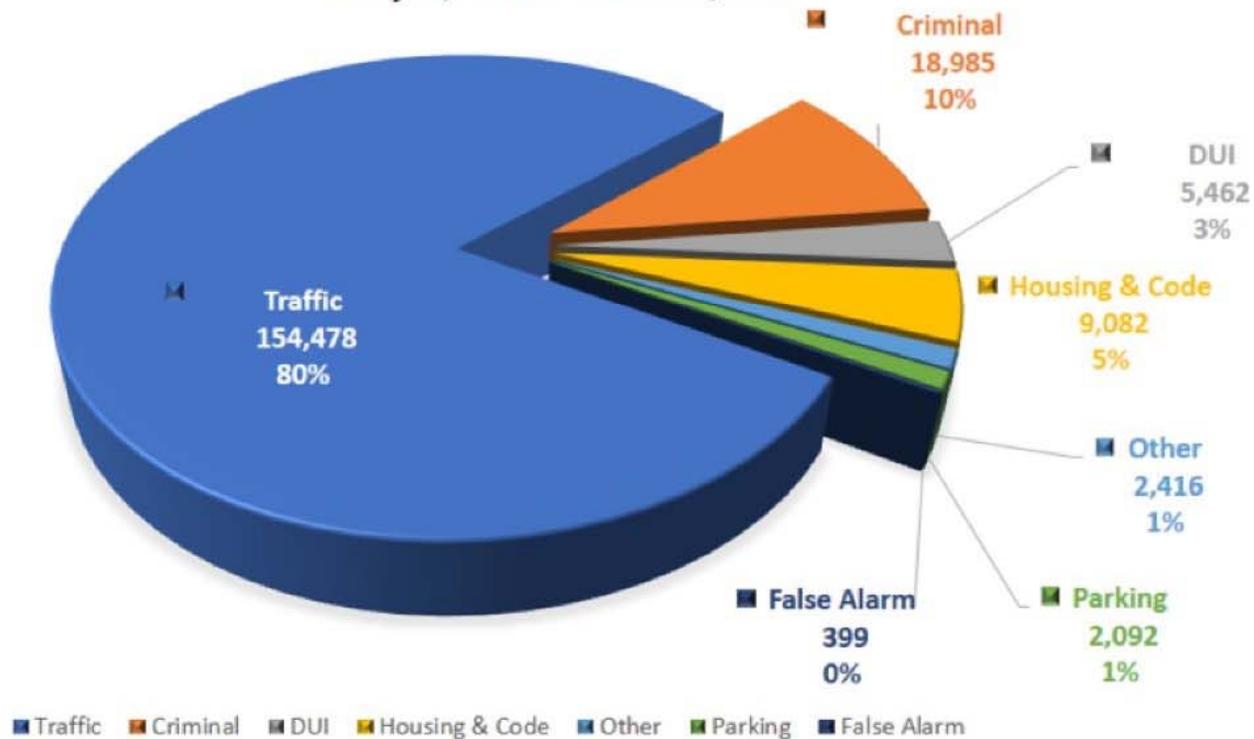


September 24, 2019



MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

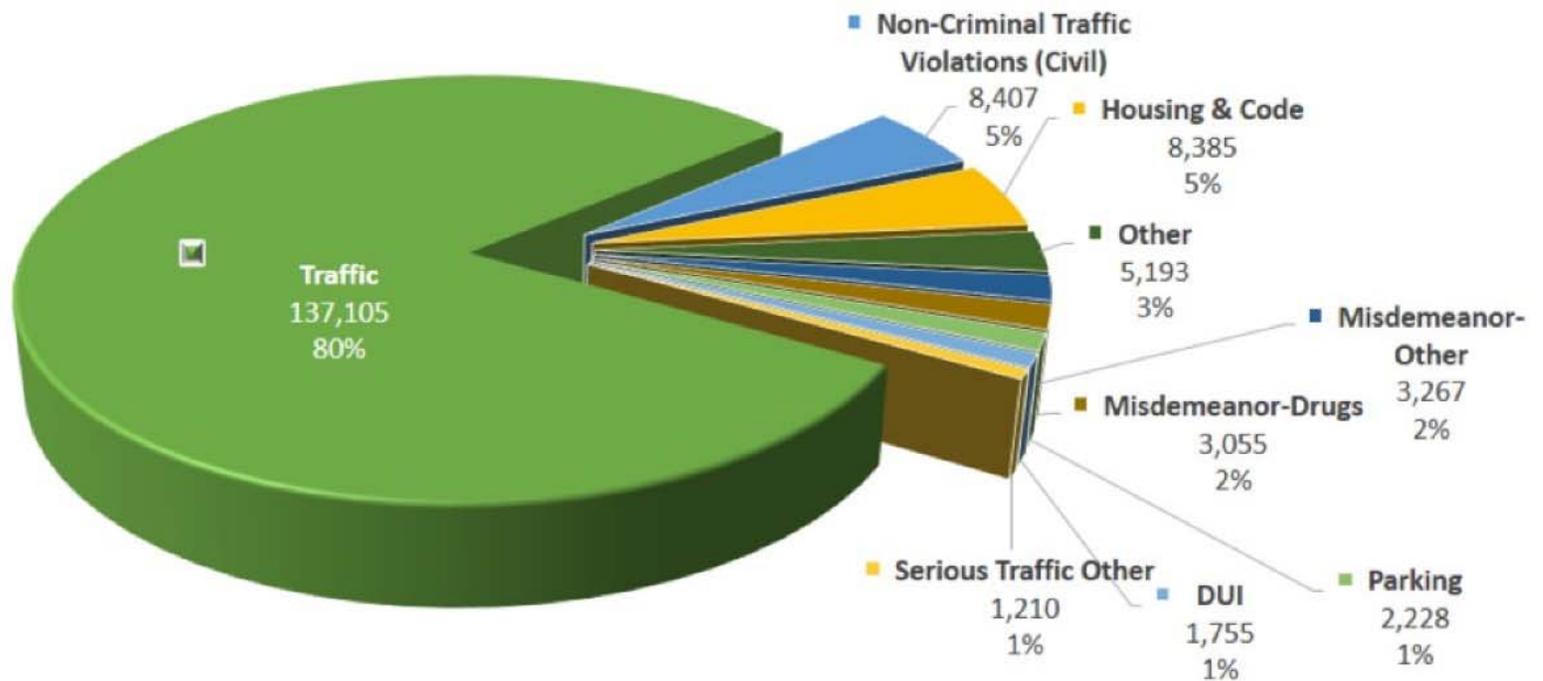
FY19 CASELOAD
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019





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FY18 CASELOAD
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

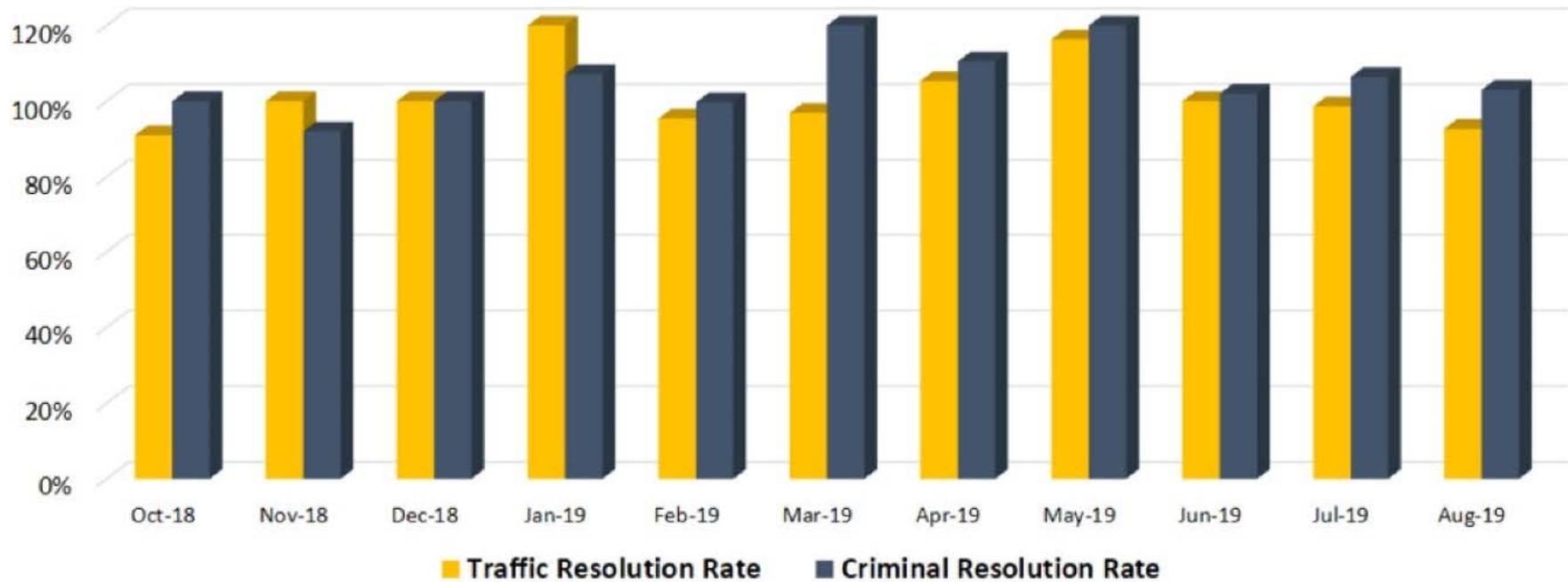


■ Traffic ■ Non-Criminal Traffic Violations (Civil) ■ Housing & Code ■ Other ■ Misdemeanor-Other ■ Misdemeanor-Drugs ■ Parking ■ DUI ■ Serious Traffic Other



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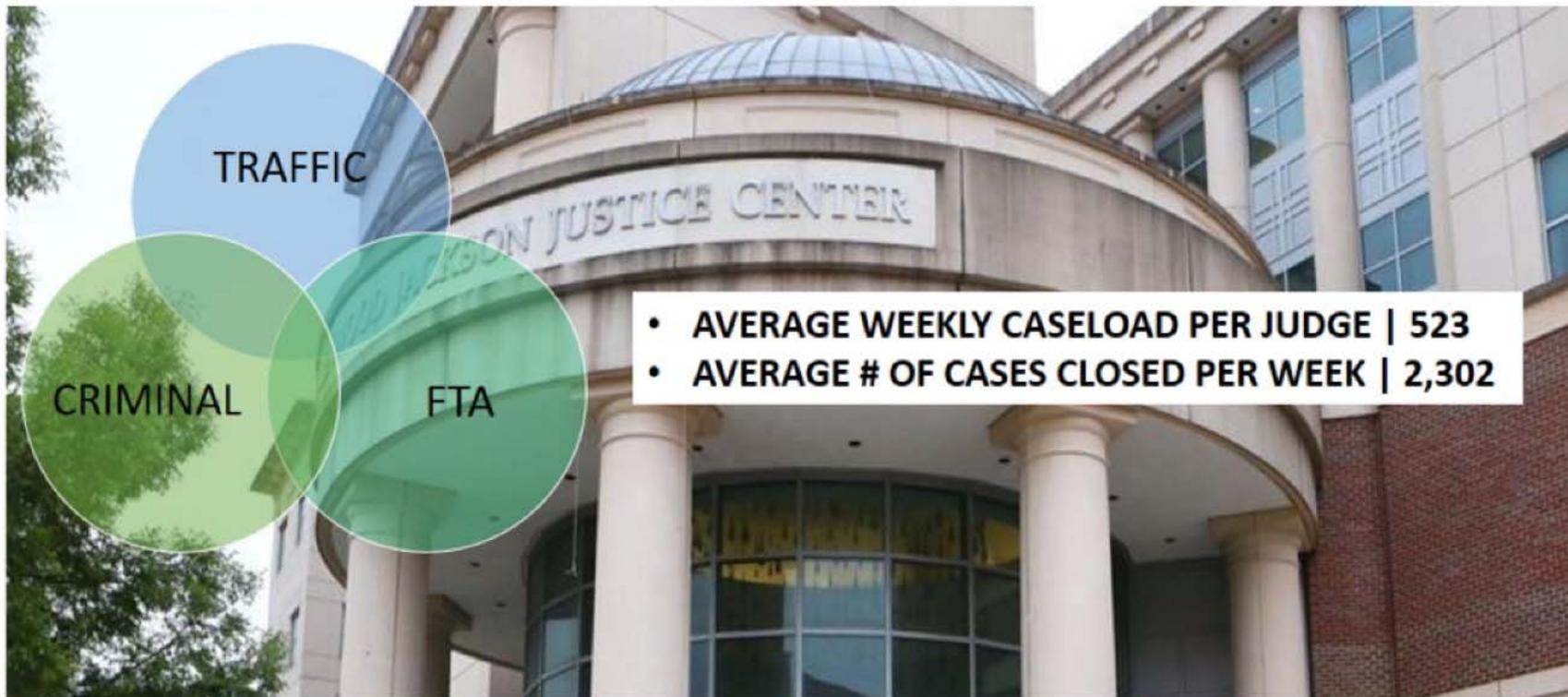
CASE CLEARANCE RATE
October 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019





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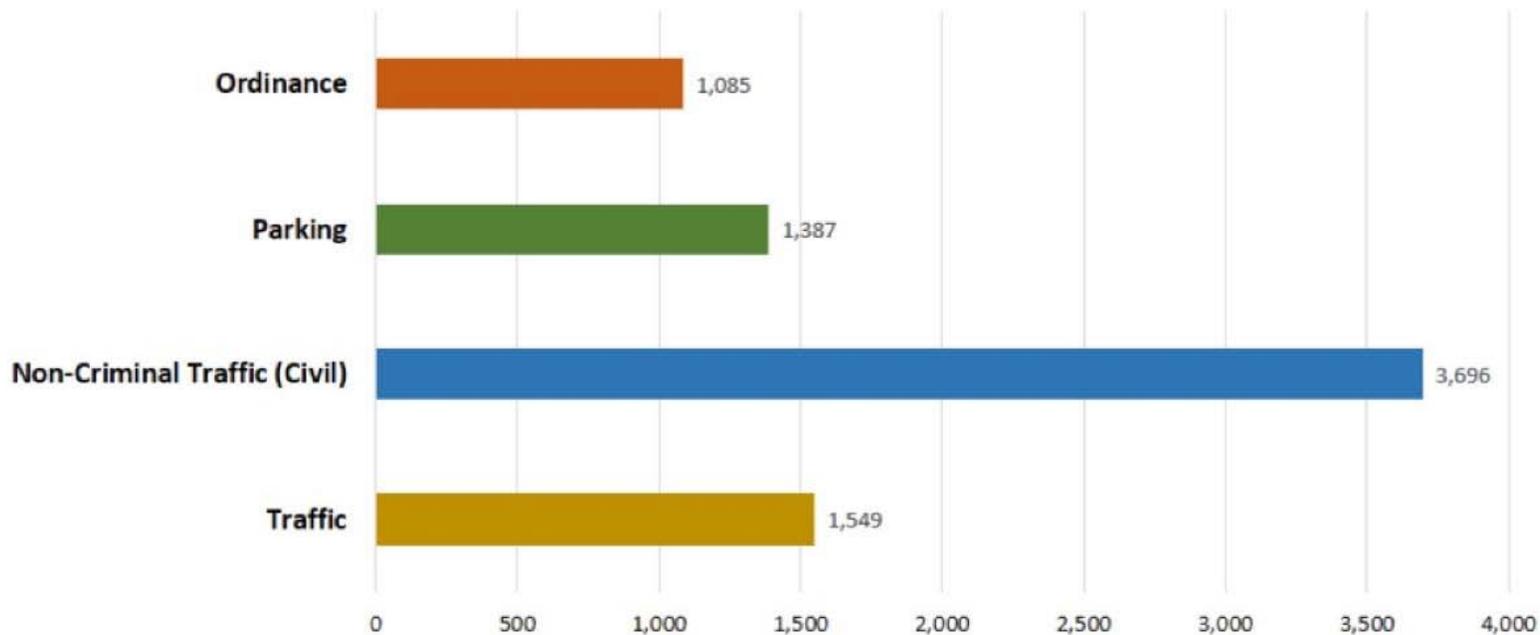
WORKLOAD SNAPSHOT





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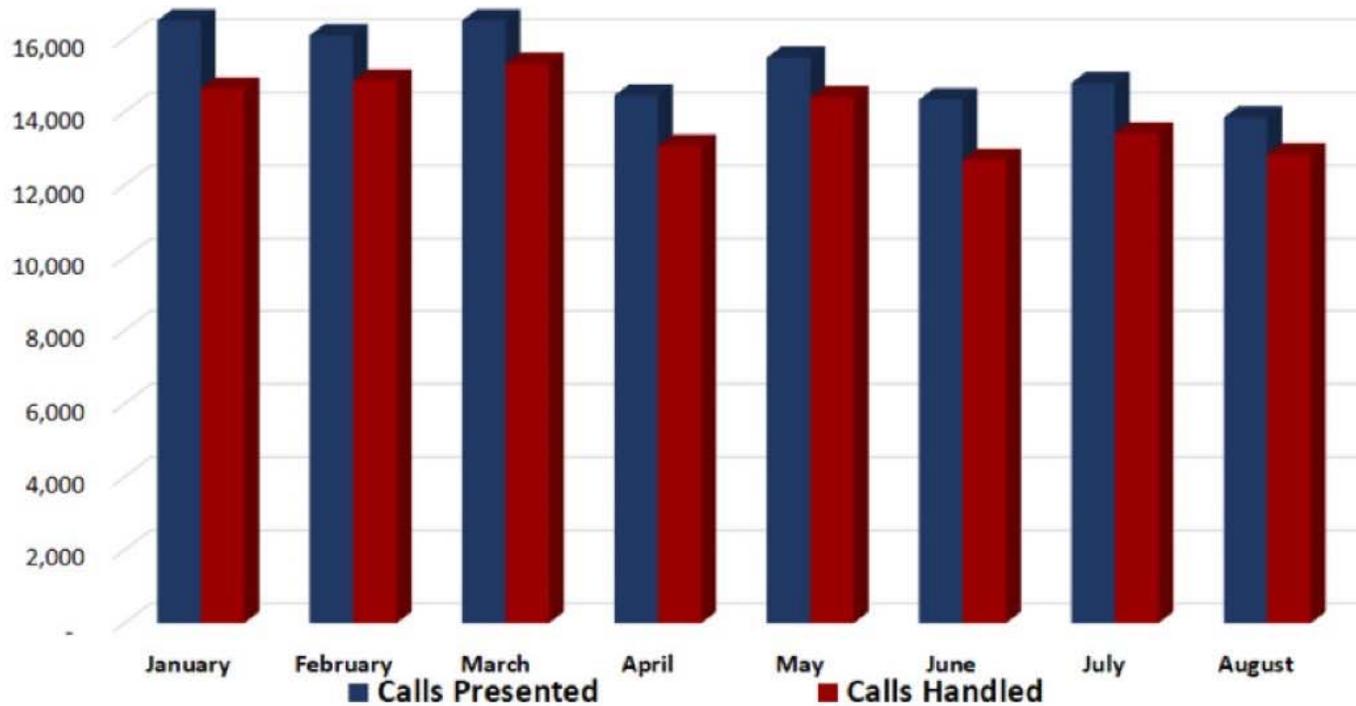
2018
CASES SET FOR TRIAL





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2019
CALL VOLUME



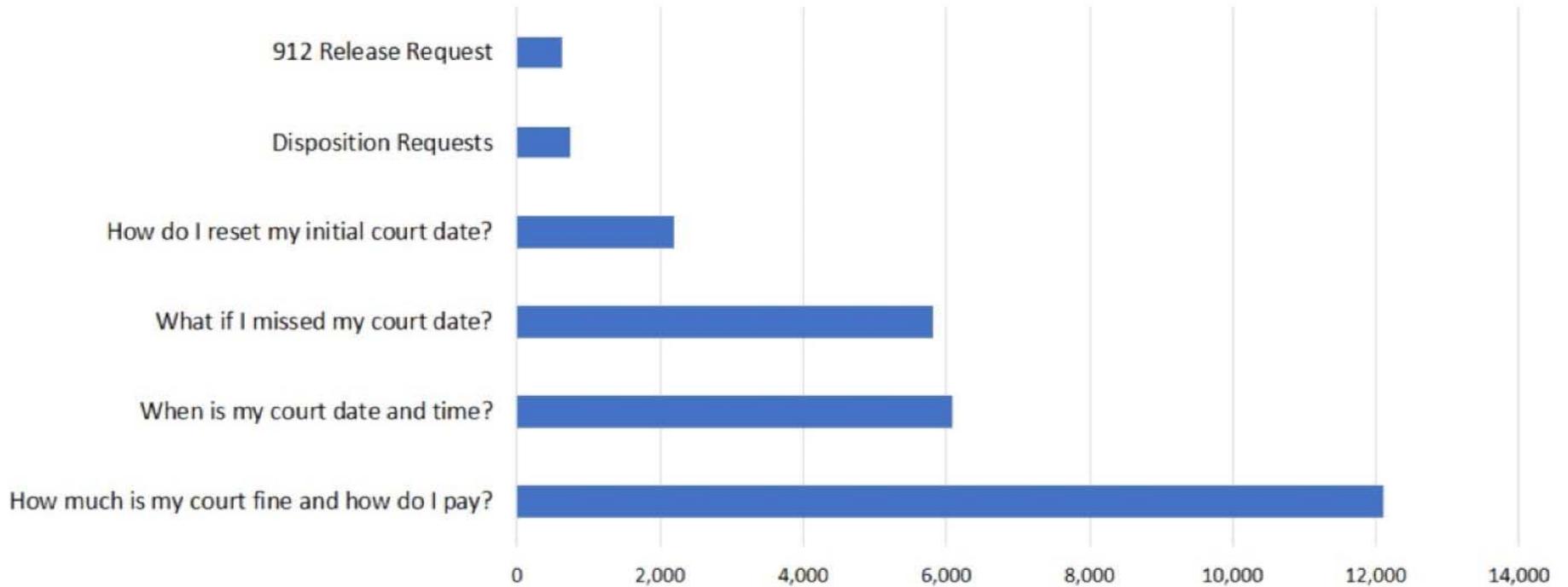
Total Calls Answered
111,254

Avg. Calls Answered
91%



MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY CALL VOLUME





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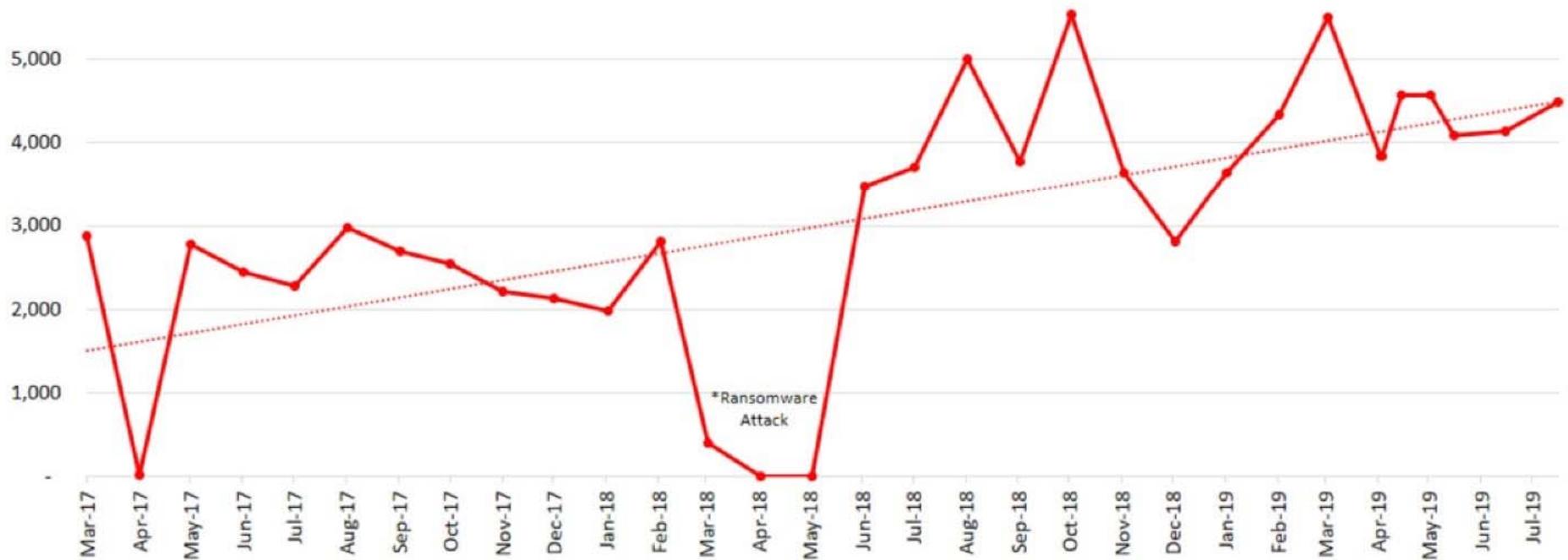
FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA)
WALK-IN COURT





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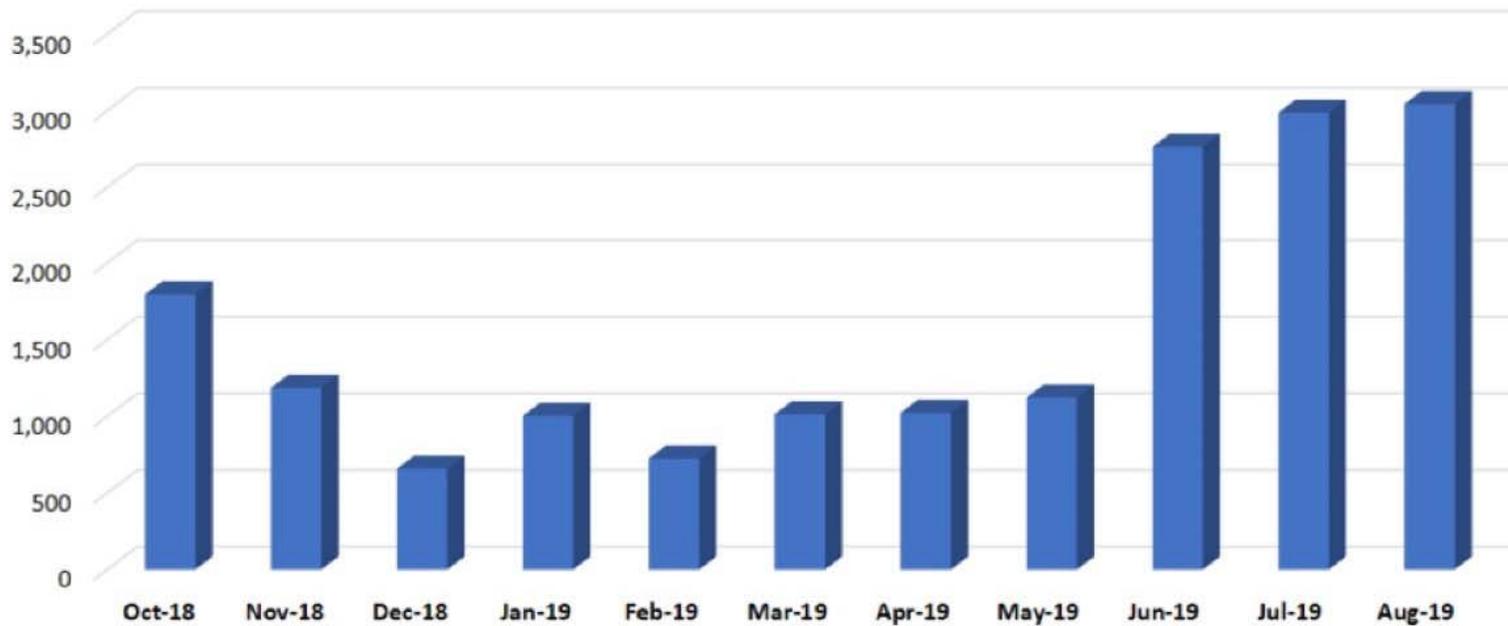
FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA)
CASES
MARCH 2017-YTD





MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA) COURT
CASES RESOLVED
OCTOBER 2018 – YTD



**TOTAL
FTA Cases
Resolved
* 17,321 ***

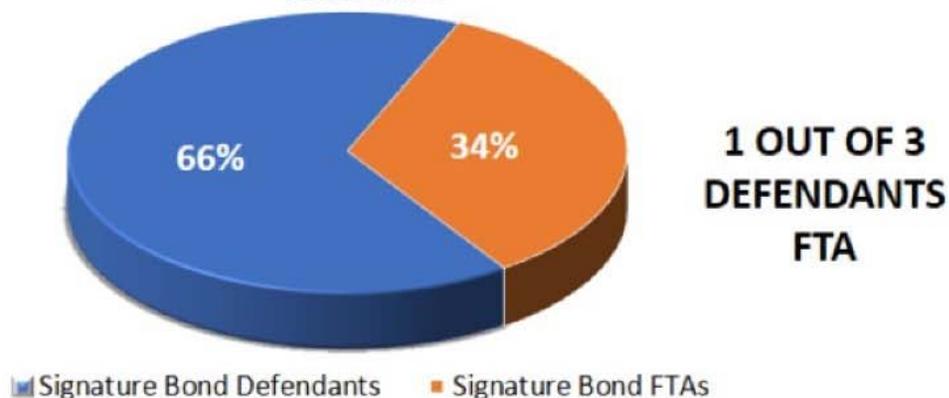


MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

BOND ORDINANCE SIGNATURE BONDS (SOB) BY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC)

Department of Corrections	August-18	September-18	October-18	November-18	December-18	January-19	February-19	March-19	April-19	May-19	June-19	July-19	August-19
Signature Bond Cases	174	559	865	924	851	380	392	491	476	347	336	391	411
Signature Bond FTA Cases	59	210	312	344	341	144	139	162	190	126	109	108	43

DOC SOB



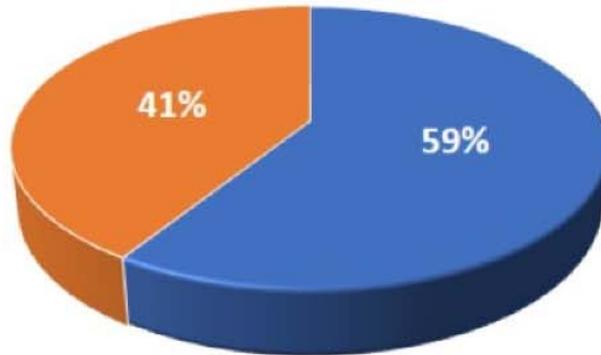


MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

BOND ORDINANCE SIGNATURE BONDS (SOB) BY JUDGE

Municipal Court Judge	August-18	September-18	October-18	November-18	December-18	January-19	February-19	March-19	April-19	May-19	June-19	July-19	August-19
Signature Bond Cases	1,755	315	151	9	16	398	317	454	296	240	196	298	259
Signature Bond FTA Cases	529	107	23	3	10	162	147	139	144	113	85	135	140

IN-CUSTODY SOB



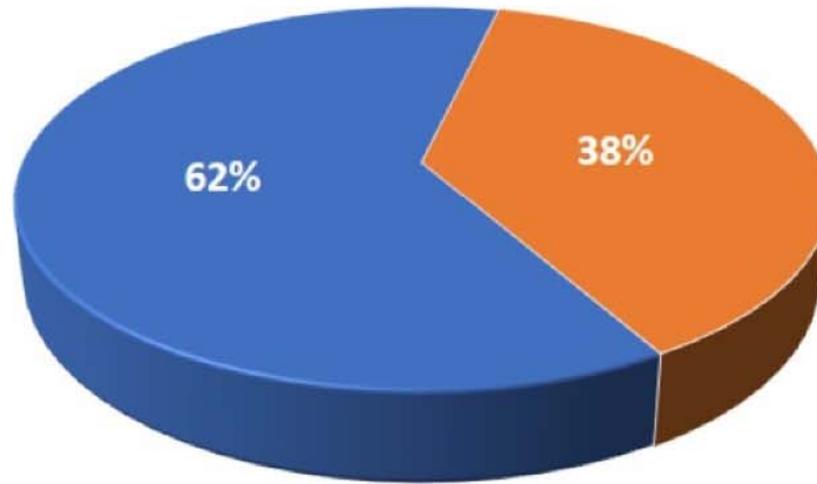
**2 OUT OF 5
DEFENDANTS
FTA**

■ Signature Bond Defendants ■ Signature Bond FTAs



MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

BOND ORDINANCE
SIGNATURE BONDS (SOB)
ALL COMBINED



2 OUT OF 5
DEFENDANTS
FTA

■ Signature Bond Defendants ■ Signature Bond FTAs

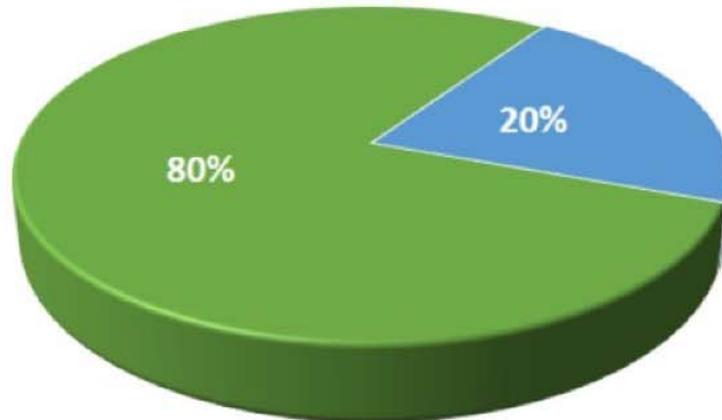


MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

SURETY BONDS (CASH BOND THROUGH BONDING COMPANY)

Surety	August-18	September-18	October-18	November-18	December-18	January-19	February-19	March-19	April-19	May-19	June-19	July-19	August-19
Bonds	199	67	132	110	116	162	147	196	152	169	179	206	135
FTAs	10	6	19	21	32	55	28	34	39	46	47	60	40

**AVG. FTA BOND
SURETY**



**4 OUT OF 5
DEFENDANTS
RETURN**

■ Surety Bond ■ Surety Bond FTAs



MUNICIPAL COURT INNOVATIONS & PROGRAMS

What's Next?...





MUNICIPAL COURT HOMELESS COURT INITIATIVE



Purpose

- Establish a comprehensive, systematic approach to addressing the needs of homeless defendants through multidisciplinary strategies
- Counter the effects of criminal cases pushing homeless defendants further outside of society
- Emphasize the treatment and rehabilitation of homeless defendants
- Combine a progressive plea bargain system, alternative sentencing structure, and program activities to address a full range of misdemeanor offenses

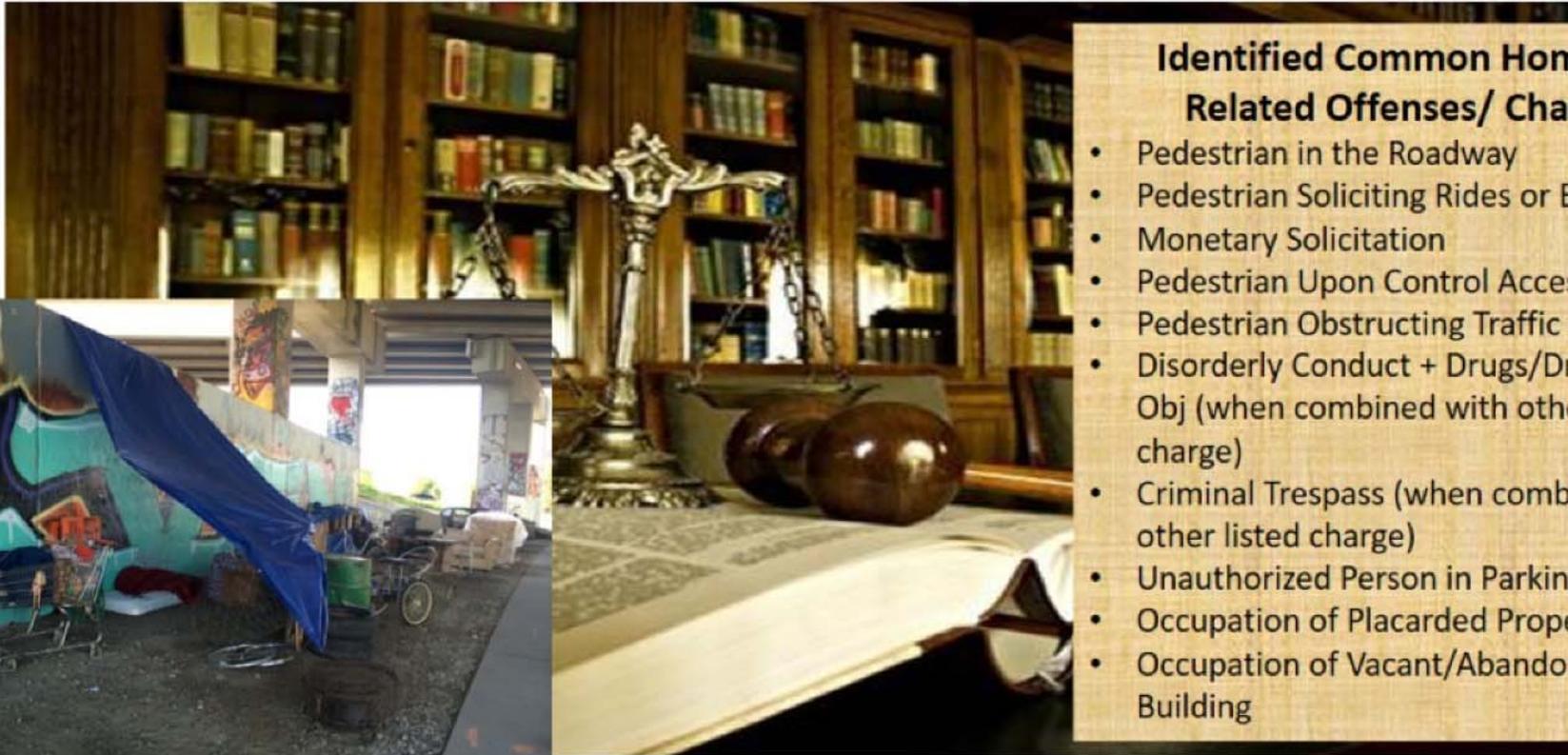


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Identified Common Homeless Related Offenses/ Charges

- Pedestrian in the Roadway
- Pedestrian Soliciting Rides or Business
- Monetary Solicitation
- Pedestrian Upon Control Access Highway
- Pedestrian Obstructing Traffic
- Disorderly Conduct + Drugs/Drug Related Obj (when combined with other listed charge)
- Criminal Trespass (when combined with other listed charge)
- Unauthorized Person in Parking Lot
- Occupation of Placarded Property
- Occupation of Vacant/Abandoned Building



MUNICIPAL COURT HOMELESS COURT INITIATIVE

Initial Points of Focus:

- Opportunities for Short/Long Term Housing
- Evaluations for Mental and Substance Abuse Issues*
- Identification of Veterans and Connection with Veteran Services and/or Veteran related Non-profits
- Re-connection with Family and Loved Ones
- Trauma Evaluation and Resource Counseling**

*Often a barrier of entry to programs is substance abuse evaluation or mental health evaluation. The goal is to clear this hurdle on the front end to prevent this barrier to program participation.

**Victims fleeing abuse or who are homeless as the result of traumatic experiences or environments.



COURT SERVICES



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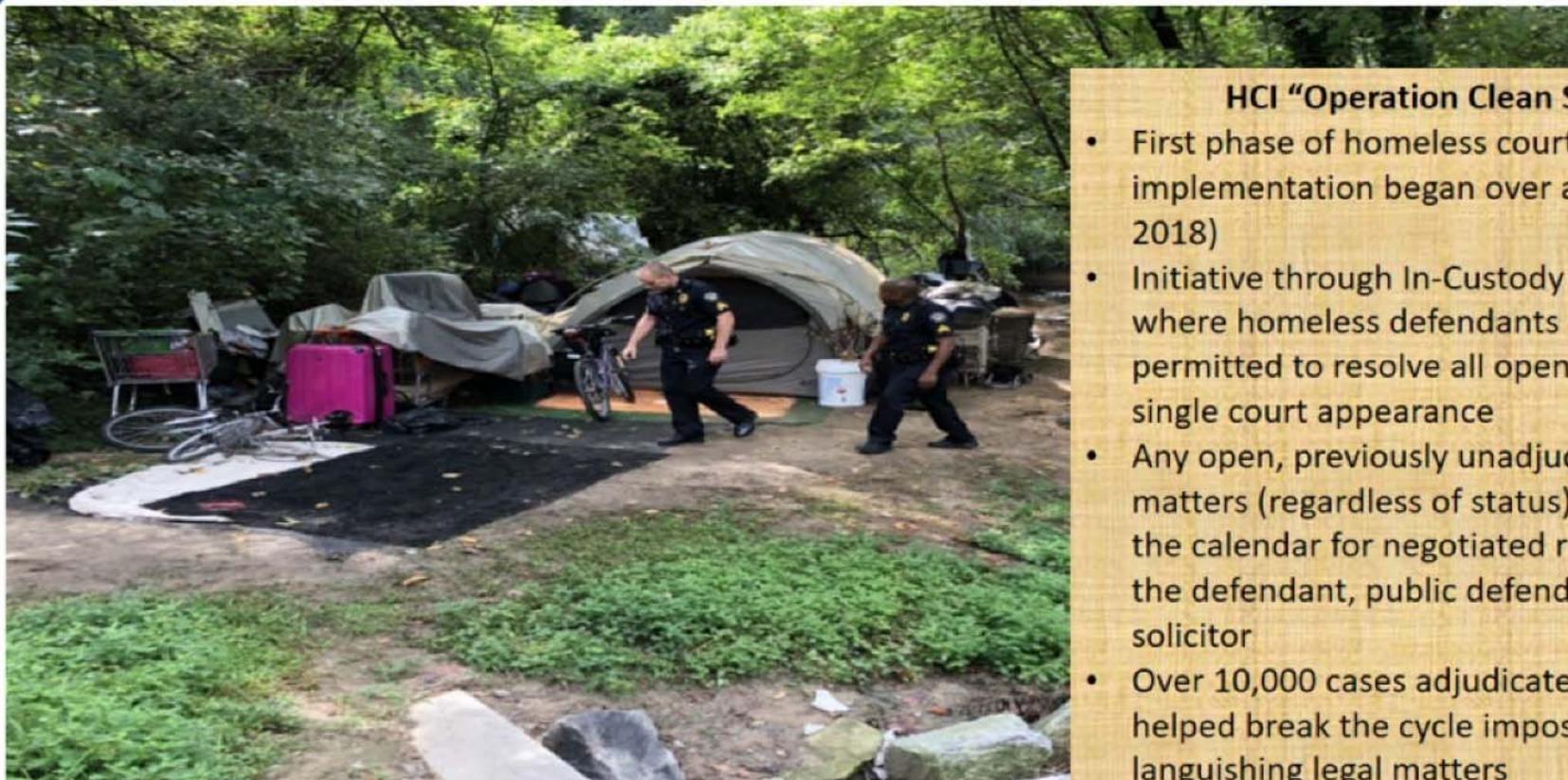


MCA HCI Tools:

- 6 month sentencing to the Homeless Court for intense supervision by a case manager
- Stay Away Orders (as both conditions on release and post sentencing)*
- Preventive Detention – (detention with the aim of preventing the commission of further offenses)
 - a. Initial - may be needed after initial arrest to allow time to resolve substance intake and communicate clearly with court staff, including assigned attorney.
 - b. Post - program entry – may be needed to reestablish connection because participant has gone non-responsive with case manager and risks re-offending with new or subsequent case.



MUNICIPAL COURT HOMELESS COURT INITIATIVE



HCI "Operation Clean Slate"

- First phase of homeless court implementation began over a year ago (Fall 2018)
- Initiative through In-Custody Division where homeless defendants were permitted to resolve all open cases at a single court appearance
- Any open, previously unadjudicated matters (regardless of status) are added to the calendar for negotiated resolution by the defendant, public defender, and solicitor
- Over 10,000 cases adjudicated which has helped break the cycle imposed by languishing legal matters



THANK YOU

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