Pretrial Electronic Monitoring

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- CPL is an independent research institution at the University of California, partnering with over 40 state & local agencies
- Sheriff's Office asked CPL to evaluate its pretrial EM program in 2020
 - Substantial time cleaning and linking data from multiple sources: SFSO, SF Pretrial, SFDA, SF Court Comments, and Sentinel Services
- Analysis is descriptive only; causality should not be inferred from any figures presented today
 - We cannot say what would have happened if pretrial EM was not in place
- Full report will be released in October



Pretrial EM in San Francisco



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Who is released to pretrial EM:

- Similar to the broader pretrial population, there is an overrepresentation of Black people (43%)
- Primarily people booked on felony offenses (84%) and assessed as high risk for new criminal activity and/or failure to appear by the PSA (66%)
- Over one-third of people released to pretrial EM are unhoused or unstably housed

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EM Completion: SFSO Outcome Measures



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As the successful completion rate declined over time, the following increased:

- Caseload
- Share assessed as high risk for failure to appear and/or new criminal activity
- Share unhoused or unstably housed

People who fail to successfully complete do so quickly: the median time to termination wass 15 days

Unhoused or unstably housed individuals are much less likely to successfully complete

Slight more than 20% of unhoused or unstably housed individuals successfully completed pretrial EM

Comparatively, approximately 50% of individuals identified as housed successfully completed pretrial EM





Misconduct while on pretrial EM



TABLE III. Misconduct while on EM (2021 UnsuccessfulTerminations)

	Pretrial EM (All)
New Arrest in San Francisco	22.5%
Total EM Cycles	1,009

Note: Sample includes all pretrial EM cycles released in 2021 that terminated unsuccessfully.

Source: San Francisco Sheriff's Jail Management System and San Francisco District Attorney's DA Management System (Damion)

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TABLE III. Misconduct while on EM (2021 UnsuccessfulTerminations)

	Pretrial EM (All)
New Arrest in San Francisco	22.5%
No New Arrest in San Francisco	77.5%
Non-Compliance Report	66.6%
Failure to Appear	39.7%
Other Misconduct	20.3%
Total EM Cycles	I,009

Note: Sample includes all pretrial EM cycles released in 2021 that terminated unsuccessfully. **Non-Compliance Report** includes share with a verified NCR, but without a new arrest in San Francisco. **Other Misconduct:** may include NCRs & FTAs we were unable to match to the EM cycle or arrests outside of San Francisco.

Source: San Francisco Sheriff's Jail Management System; San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project's Case Management System; San Francisco District Attorney's DA Management System (Damion); and Sentinel Services Non Compliance Reports.

Non-Compliance Report Reasons

- Stay Away (42.5%)
- Curfew (12.3%)
- Home Detention (10.6%)
- Other Geographic (8.0%)
- Other Geographic & Battery (7.9%)
- Other Geographic & Tamper (7.4%)

Recommendations



Data Collection and Quality

- Link the booking number in the Jail Management System (JMS) to the Community Programs and Sentinel Offender Services data
- Maintain conditions data for the full pretrial EM cycle
- Track reason for termination from pretrial EM

• Program and Policy

- Evaluate pretrial release options that might better support successful completion San Francisco's unhoused or unstably housed population
- Terminations occur quickly; recommend reviewing opportunities to:
 - provide additional support within the first two weeks
 - lessen the conditions as the risk of termination decreases