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TO: Leslie Dippel

FROM: Dr. Reyda Taylor, IJPA

RE: July 2026 Monthly Narrative Report

This report documents the activities agreed upon under the terms of the ACLU and Travis County settlement, dated 12/19/25. This report covers the period from 7/1/26 to 7/31/26.

A) CAFA Magistration Shifts:

There are 3 shifts during which Travis County staff judges: a morning to early afternoon shift (A-Shift), an afternoon to early evening shift (B-Shift), and an overnight shift (C-Shift). CAFA is staffed during A and B Shift only. In July, it appeared that there were 6 C-Shifts that included magistrations.

Shift Type	Shift Date	Shift Time	Magistrate	Appointed Counsel Present (Y/N)
A	7/1/2026	7:15 AM - 2:14 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/1/2026	3:20 PM - 10:16 PM	Moore	Yes
A	7/2/2026	7:56 AM - 1:12 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/2/2026	3:35 PM - 11:40 PM	Moore	Yes
C	7/2/2026	11:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Alvarez	No
A	7/3/2026	7:55 AM - 1:55 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/3/2026	3:41 PM - 11:45 PM	Howard	Yes
C	7/3/2026	11:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Howard	No
A	7/4/2026	7:07 AM - 3:00 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/4/2026	3:35 PM - 10:30 PM	Mulcahy	Yes
A	7/5/2026	7:11 AM - 1:12 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/5/2026	2:57 PM - 11:30 PM	Moore	Yes

A	7/6/2026	8:12 AM - 2:30 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/6/2026	3:41 PM - 11:41 PM	Alvarez	Yes
C	7/6/2026	11:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Alvarez	No
A	7/7/2026	7:52 AM - 1:33 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/7/2026	2:55 PM - 10:11 PM	Moore	Yes
A	7/8/2026	7:37 AM - 1:33 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/8/2026	3:25 PM - 10:28 PM	Moore	Yes
A	7/9/2026	7:13 AM - 2:15 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/9/2026	3:00 PM - 10:45 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
A	7/10/2026	1:00 AM - 2:05 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/10/2026	3:48 PM - 11:30 PM	Howard	Yes
A	7/11/2026	7:04 AM - 1:21 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/11/2026	3:36 PM - 10:45 PM	Mulcahy	Yes
A	7/12/2026	7:05 AM - 1:35 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/12/2026	3:16 PM - 10:15 PM	R. Ortega	Yes
A	7/13/2026	7:47 AM - 12:58 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/13/2026	3:29 PM - 11:20 PM	Alvarez	Yes
A	7/14/2026	7:52 AM - 1:20 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/14/2026	3:23 PM - 10:17 PM	Moore	Yes
C	7/14/2026	11:44 PM - 1:00 AM	Alvarez	No
A	7/15/2026	7:10 AM - 1:01 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/15/2026	3:10 PM - 10:33 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
C	7/15/2026	11:40 PM - 1:00 AM	Alvarez	Yes
A	7/16/2026	7:25 AM - 1:56 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/16/2026	3:10 PM - 10:22 PM	Howard	Yes
A	7/17/2026	7:20 AM - 1:30 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/17/2026	3:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Sigman	Yes
C	7/17/2026	11:40 PM - 1:00 AM	Howard	No
A	7/18/2026	6:57 AM - 1:40 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/18/2026	3:29 PM - 10:25 PM	Sigman	Yes
A	7/19/2026	7:29 AM - 1:58 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/19/2026	3:41 PM - 11:20 PM	Alvarez	Yes
A	7/20/2026	8:02 AM - 2:03 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/20/2026	3:33 PM - 11:20 PM	Moore	Yes
A	7/21/2026	7:14 AM - 1:18 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/21/2026	3:44 PM - 11:20 PM	Moore	Yes

C	7/21/2026	11:47 PM - 1:00 AM	Alvarez	No
A	7/22/2026	7:08 AM - 12:56 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/22/2026	3:28 PM - 10:19 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
A	7/23/2026	7:32 AM - 2:12 PM	Sigman	Yes
B	7/23/2026	3:19 PM - 11:11 PM	Howard	Yes
A	7/24/2026	7:34 AM - 1:42 PM	Sigman	Yes
B	7/24/2026	3:04 PM - 10:00 PM	Moore	Yes
A	7/25/2026	7:19 AM - 2:41 PM	R. Ortega	Yes
B	7/25/2026	4:00 PM - 10:50 PM	Moore	Yes
A	7/26/2026	7:28 AM - 2:45 PM	Mulcahy	Yes
B	7/26/2026	3:50 PM - 9:25 PM	Alvarez	Yes
A	7/27/2026	6:55 AM - 2:11 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/27/2026	3:14 PM - 10:10 PM	Moore	Yes
A	7/28/2026	7:38 AM - 2:35 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/28/2026	3:23 PM - 10:06 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
A	7/29/2026	7:25 AM - 1:58 PM	Taylor	Yes
B	7/29/2026	3:46 PM - 10:40 PM	Howard	Yes
A	7/30/2026	7:04 AM - 2:02 PM	J. Ortega	Yes
B	7/30/2026	3:13 PM - 10:30 PM	Moore	Yes
A	7/31/2026	7:45 AM - 2:40 PM	Sigman	Yes
B	7/31/2026	4:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Moore	Yes

B) Narrative: Counsel from the Office of First Defense (OFD), Public Defender Office (PDO), and Capital Area Private Defender Service (CAPDS) were appointed sufficiently in advance of magistration proceedings to allow for adequate representation. Defense attorneys were provided with private rooms for interviews with their clients, ensuring the opportunity for in-person, confidential attorney-client consultation prior to magistration. If an arrestee could not be transported to a private interview room (due to physical or mental health needs, or other extenuating circumstances), then counsel conducted cell-side interviews. When that was necessary, procedures were followed to provide private consultation even if conducted cell-side.

Sufficient time was allowed for defense counsel to review case filings, consult with clients, and provide for time to contact family members and service providers.

Probable cause affidavits, pretrial services reports, and criminal history reports for the limited issues relevant to magistration were provided for defense counsel. This information was provided through a variety of sources, including the Travis County Sheriff's Office, Travis County Clerk's Office, and Travis County Pretrial Services.

No material issues arose or were reported with providing documentation to counsel, attorney/client consultation, in-person magistration, or public access to magistration. The CAFA page on the Travis

County website now includes Guidelines for Conducting Magistration with Counsel at First Appearance. <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/courts/criminal/cafa>

C) Program Changes: There are no plans to increase the number of counseled magistration shifts for the next calendar month.

D) Line by Line Data: There were 3459 arrested individuals booked into Travis County jail in July 2026. Of those arrestees, 2453 appeared to meet criteria for eligibility to participate in Travis County CAFA magistration. No arrested individuals were identified in the data as having been eligible for magistration but not magistrated. There were 6 magistrations conducted during C Shift when CAFA counsel is not available. Those C Shifts where magistrations took place are reflected in the table in Section A above.

In the line-by-line data, there appeared to be 20 magistrations where the arrestee did not receive representation, or representation is unknown. Of those, 12 were magistrations in which the arrestee refused representation. The remaining 8 appeared to relate to hospital magistrations.

July 2026 Magistrations:

CAFA Magistrated Magistrated through CAFA.	2453
Magistrated outside of CAFA Magistrated outside of CAFA Shifts	6
Eligible but not Magistrated Identified in Data as Eligible for CAFA Magistration but not magistrated	0

July 2026 Bookings without Magistrations and Reason for Ineligibility:¹

Waived Warnings With advice of an attorney, the arrestee chose not to go through the magistration process.	77
Magistrated with Other Agency Had been arrested and magistrated in another agency's jurisdiction before transfer to Travis County custody for the same charges	90

Prior Magistration Had already received magistration on the same charges but were brought back into custody (e.g. violations of conditions of bond or other reasons).	18
Warrant Withdrawn The basis for arrest was withdrawn and individual released prior to magistration.	0
Rejected Prior to Magistration Judge, DA, or CA. sent case back for review or was rejected prior to magistration.	197
Arresting Agency Dropped Charge(s) Arresting agency notified TCSO prior to magistration of dropping the accused's offenses, resulting in release.	5
Misd. C Only Charge Level Not eligible for CAFA magistration per agreement	269
Charge(s) Added after 48 Hours Additional charges from pre-existing warrants issued by other agencies or courts were added after the original arrest and magistrated at a later date.	3
Multiple Exclusions Individuals meeting more than one of the above exclusion criteria.	31
Other / Various Hold Status These charges did not meet the criteria outlined in the agreement for magistration under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 15.17 because the individuals were not in a status requiring a magistrate appearance.	315

OTHER: This category includes bookings or charges that do not require the standard magistration process statutorily and under the settlement with the ACLU. These records generally do not require magistration.

Examples may include:

- Parole-violation bookings where the confirmed parole warrant or hold indicates that the individual is not bond eligible.
- Individuals who booked in and are already serving a sentence.
- Arrests resulting from bond forfeitures.
- Arrests ordered or initiated by the court in the courtroom.
- Walkthrough or self-surrender bookings in which an individual reports to satisfy an outstanding warrant and submits a bond at the same time they surrender to custody.
- Citation or summons cases processed as non-custodial arrests.

Additional reasons for indelibility would be bench warrants, court arrests, a charge timing out or having no PC Affidavit, a federal detainer or parole violation hold, and out of state hold.

Booking reasons or circumstances generally considered eligible under the current reporting logic include probation revocations, bond increases, district attorney reductions, enhanced charges, out-of-county holds, new charges, new arrest warrants, case reductions, refiled cases, reindicted cases, complaints filed by the District Attorney's Office, and no-bond-in-file warrants.

Public vs Non-Public View Magistrations:

Of the 2453 individuals eligible and 2447 magistrated through a CAFA shift, there were 246 magistrations conducted outside of public view, either at an arrestee's cell or at a hospital. These individual magistrations were identified as meeting exception criteria for safety or medical reasons. To protect identities and sensitive information, we are reporting that number in aggregate only. Reasons vary from refusal by a person, behaviors by the individual that create concern for their safety or the safety of others, medical reasons that led to safety concerns for themselves or others, medical conditions that prohibit their safe transportation for hearing, as well as mental health related observations or designations that create a safety or privacy concern. To help ensure the quality of documentation, the Travis County team continues working to build out a new system to help document reasons for cell-side magistrations, as well as provide additional reminders and training for staff related to existing documentation processes. Additionally, we are still working through a process to develop shared definitions and categories to further define the safety and medical reasons for exception. Below are the numbers for reasons that an arrestee was not magistrated in public.

Reason for Non-Public Magstration	Arrestee Count
Behavior/Refusal A person has refused to come to the public magistration court or their behavior has indicated such.	154
Hospital The magistration was conducted at a hospital or medical facility.	10

Medical Reasons The person could not be transported to the magistration court due to medical conditions or circumstances.	29
Medical/Safety The person was housed in a medical or safety protocol unit, but the precise reason was unclear, and the assumption is medical or safety reasons.	18
MH/ Arrestee Safety The person was observed or displayed mental health related behaviors or concerns and transportation or public viewing would be a risk to that person or to others present.	35
Operational Limitations Magistration occurred when the courtroom is not accessible to the public (e.g. C Shift, adverse weather events).	2

The attached spreadsheet includes line by line data for all the individual arrests in July booked into Travis County jail that who were eligible for CAFA magistration in Travis County courts, organized by day of arrest. For reporting purposes, the dates used may include typographical errors in the booking data.