



DATE: April 14, 2026

TO: Leslie Dippel

FROM: Dr. Reyda Taylor, IJPA

RE: March 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 3/1/26 to 3/31/26.

A) CAFA Magistration Shifts:

Date	Time	Magistrate	Appointed Counsel Present Y/N
Sunday, March 1, 2026	7:12 AM - 1:43 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Sunday, March 1, 2026	3:25 PM - 10:45 PM	Beckett	Y
Monday, March 2, 2026	8:05 AM - 2:55 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Monday, March 2, 2026	3:32 PM - 11:24 PM	Alvarez	Y
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	8:15 AM - 1:40 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	3:18 PM - 10:46 PM	Alvarez	Y
Wednesday, March 4, 2026	7:40 AM - 1:20 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Wednesday, March 4, 2026	3:20 PM - 10:33 PM	Moore	Y
Thursday, March 5, 2026	7:16 AM - 2:18 PM	Taylor	Y
Thursday, March 5, 2026	3:22 PM - 11:29 PM	Moore	Y
Friday, March 6, 2026	7:14 AM - 1:00 PM	Taylor	Y
Friday, March 6, 2026	3:18 PM - 11:09 PM	Moore	Y
Saturday, March 7, 2026	7:22 AM - 1:27 PM	Taylor	Y
Saturday, March 7, 2026	3:25 PM - 12:35 AM	Moore	Y
Sunday, March 8, 2026	6:53 AM - 1:36 PM	Taylor	Y
Sunday, March 8, 2026	4:04 PM - 10:31 PM	Moore	Y
Monday, March 9, 2026	6:32 AM - 1:14 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Monday, March 9, 2026	2:25 PM - 9:58 PM	Alvarez	Y
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	6:04 AM - 12:17 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	2:30 PM - 9:43 PM	Alvarez	Y
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	6:37 AM - 12:06 PM	J. Ortega	Y

Wednesday, March 11, 2026	2:52 PM - 9:01 PM	Taylor	Y
Thursday, March 12, 2026	7:03 AM - 1:32 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Thursday, March 12, 2026	2:23 PM - 10:41 PM	Moore	Y
Friday, March 13, 2026	6:48 AM - 12:59 PM	Taylor	Y
Friday, March 13, 2026	2:27 PM - 9:46 PM	Moore	Y
Saturday, March 14, 2026	6:24 AM - 1:10 PM	Taylor	Y
Saturday, March 14, 2026	2:30 PM - 10:59 PM	Moore	Y
Sunday, March 15, 2026	6:30 AM - 11:49 AM	Taylor	Y
Sunday, March 15, 2026	1:51 PM - 10:20 PM	Moore	Y
Monday, March 16, 2026	6:49 AM - 1:23 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Monday, March 16, 2026	1:57 PM - 9:54 PM	Moore	Y
Tuesday, March 17, 2026	7:14 AM - 12:45 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Tuesday, March 17, 2026	2:14 PM - 8:47 PM	Taylor	Y
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	6:53 AM - 1:14 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	2:16 PM - 9:43 PM	Taylor	Y
Thursday, March 19, 2026	6:14 AM - 1:30 PM	Mulcahy	Y
Thursday, March 19, 2026	2:33 PM - 9:21 PM	Taylor	Y
Friday, March 20, 2026	2:53 AM - 1:04 PM	Sigman	Y
Friday, March 20, 2026	1:58 PM - 10:30 PM	Mulcahy	Y
Saturday, March 21, 2026	6:49 AM - 2:47 PM	Howard	Y
Saturday, March 21, 2026	2:40 PM - 9:32 PM	R. Ortega	Y
Sunday, March 22, 2026	6:09 AM - 12:30 PM	Taylor	Y
Sunday, March 22, 2026	2:22 PM - 9:53 PM	Moore	Y
Monday, March 23, 2026	6:18 AM - 2:09 PM	Sigman	Y
Monday, March 23, 2026	3:12 PM - 9:55 PM	Moore	Y
Tuesday, March 24, 2026	6:14 AM - 12:55 PM	Sigman	Y
Tuesday, March 24, 2026	2:32 PM - 9:10 PM	Moore	Y
Wednesday, March 25, 2026	6:42 AM - 12:56 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Wednesday, March 25, 2026	2:30 PM - 9:32 PM	Mulcahy	Y
Thursday, March 26, 2026	6:58 AM - 1:40 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Thursday, March 26, 2026	2:54 PM - 10:25 PM	Alvarez	Y
Friday, March 27, 2026	7:37 AM - 1:28 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Friday, March 27, 2026	2:23 PM - 10:59 PM	Alvarez	Y
Saturday, March 28, 2026	6:36 AM - 1:10 PM	Taylor	Y
Saturday, March 28, 2026	2:13 PM - 10:01 PM	Moore	Y
Sunday, March 29, 2026	6:46 AM - 12:31 PM	Taylor	Y
Sunday, March 29, 2026	1:53 PM - 8:30 PM	Moore	Y
Monday, March 30, 2026	6:18 AM - 1:19 PM	Taylor	Y
Monday, March 30, 2026	2:51 PM - 9:39 PM	Howard	Y
Tuesday, March 31, 2026	7:09 AM - 12:13 PM	J. Ortega	Y
Tuesday, March 31, 2026	2:07 PM - 8:51 PM	Taylor	Y

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 significant issues with providing documentation to counsel, attorney/client consultation, in-person magistration, or public access to magistration were noted.

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 3235 arrested individuals booked into Travis County jail in March 2026. Of those arrestees, 2191 appeared to meet criteria for eligibility to participate in Travis County CAFA magistration. Of these individuals, 2190 were magistrated through CAFA. We have provided a summary table below of the final status categories. Only 1 arrestee was not magistrated in CAFA and it was not clear why.

MARCH 2026 Magistration Status for Booked Individuals Identified as CAFA Eligible:

Final Status	Count
Eligible for CAFA Magistration	
Magistration Completed	2190
Not Magistrated*	1
Not Eligible for CAFA Magistration	
Waived Warnings	115
Magistrated in Other County	121
Prior Magistration	18
Warrant Withdrawn	0
Rejected Prior to Magistration	110
Arresting Agency Dropped Charge(s)	8
Misd C Only Charge Level	274

Charge(s) Added after 48 Hours	9
Multiple Exclusions	60
Other	329
Grand Total Identified Bookings	3235

* Note: This individual had been released. Following an internal review, it is not clear why they were not magistrated through CAFA.

There were 189 CAFA magistrations that were 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.

The attached spreadsheet includes line by line data for all the individual arrests in March booked into Travis County jail that resulted in a 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.