ON AN AVERAGE NIGHT LAST WEEK, **4,445** PEOPLE WERE LOCKED IN A CAGE AT THE HARRIS COUNTY JAIL BECAUSE THEY COULDN’T AFFORD MONEY BAIL, EVEN THOUGH IT IS ILLEGAL TO JAIL PEOPLE SOLELY BECAUSE THEY ARE POOR. THIS REPORT USES JAIL POPULATION DATA PROVIDED BY HARRIS COUNTY TO COMPARE THE PRETRIAL DETENTION NUMBERS OF HARRIS COUNTY’S FELONY JUDGES.

DISTRICT COURTS BY HIGHEST PRETRIAL DETENTION POPULATION
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 - OCTOBER 3, 2020

#1: JUDGE RAMONA FRANKLIN

338TH DISTRICT COURT

269 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY

#2: JUDGE NIKITA HARMON

176TH DISTRICT COURT

251 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY

#3: JUDGE HERB RITCHIE

337TH DISTRICT COURT

241 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY

Harris County taxpayers spent over **$2.3 MILLION** on illegal pretrial detention this week. That's over 150% of the $1.3 million Harris County taxpayers spend every week on public health services, the public library, and pollution control **COMBINED**.