ON AN AVERAGE NIGHT LAST WEEK, 3,914 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.

DISTRIBUTION COURTS BY HIGHEST PRETRIAL DETENTION POPULATION
APRIL 26, 2020 - MAY 2, 2020

#1: JUDGE GEORGE POWELL
230 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY
351ST DISTRICT COURT

#2: JUDGE RANDY ROLL
217 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY
183RD DISTRICT COURT

#3: JUDGE RAMONA FRANKLIN
213 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY
338TH DISTRICT COURT

HARRIS COUNTY TAXPAYERS SPENT OVER $2 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.