ON AN AVERAGE NIGHT LAST WEEK, 5,401 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
JUNE 20, 2021 - JUNE 26, 2021

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

#2: JUDGE HAZEL JONES
316 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY
174TH DISTRICT COURT

#3: JUDGE NIKITA HARMON
305 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY
176TH DISTRICT COURT

HARRIS COUNTY TAXPAYERS SPENT OVER $2.8 MILLION ON ILLEGAL PRETRIAL DETENTION THIS WEEK.

THAT'S MORE THAN TWICE THE $1.3 MILLION HARRIS COUNTY TAXPAYERS SPEND EVERY WEEK ON PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND POLLUTION CONTROL COMBINED.