ON AN AVERAGE NIGHT LAST WEEK, 4,118 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 28 2020 – JULY 4, 2020*

**#1: JUDGE RAMONA FRANKLIN**

250 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY

338TH DISTRICT COURT

**#2: JUDGE GEORGE POWELL**

225 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY

351ST DISTRICT COURT

**#3: JUDGE RANDY ROLL**

221 PEOPLE DETAINED PER NIGHT BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY

179TH 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.

*THE COUNTY DID NOT PROVIDE DATA FOR JULY 1, 2020. CALCULATIONS INVOLVING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT ON PRETRIAL DETENTION INCLUDE PROJECTED COSTS FOR JULY 1*