

# Mesa Municipal Court

## Efforts to Reduce Pre-Trial Detention



# RULE 11 PILOT

- The Mesa and Glendale Municipal Courts were approved to pilot conducting full Rule 11 procedures, acting as satellites of Superior Court.
- This has reduced warrants for non-appearances at doctor's appointments and hearings at Superior Court.
- Conducting Rule 11 proceedings at the Mesa Court has reduced the "no show" to less than 5%.
- Case times since February have been under 60 days.

# NOT ISSUING WARRANTS FOR FAILURE TO PAY

- In 2010, Mesa Municipal Court stopped issuing warrants for failure to pay fines, except for restitution.
- The Court cancelled 14,000 warrants.
- This reduced arrests and detention by 20-25%.
- The Court did not experience any significant change in collections.

# USE OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN LIEU OF BOND

- In 2008, Mesa employed the use of electronic monitoring (ankle bracelets) as a substitute for bond for those defendants who could not post the bond.
- The current cost is \$3.30 per/day, saving the consequential MCSO daily jail rate of \$85.00 per/day.
- Defendant is able to maintain employment, family relationships, and is not unduly penalized for the inability to post bond.

Defendants Placed to Date:	2,091
Avg. No. of Days on Monitoring:	24
Cost Savings to Date:	\$3,031,950

# AUTODIALER

- The Court has maintained an autodialer system since 2012 which automatically places a call to the defendant for court appearances and collections payments.
- This system places over 80,000 call per/year.

# NEW INITIATIVE

- The Mesa Court has entered into discussions with Maricopa County Adult Probation, Barbara Broderick, for providing services for pre-trial supervision, and assistance with implementing full use of the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) tool.
- This is in support of evidenced based release and in conjunction with converting jail court operations into basically an “Initial Appearance” court only, and limiting pleas.
- The Mesa Court will be establishing two dedicated arraignment courts to facilitate the volume of pleas.

Questions?