

PRETRIAL SERVICES
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CORYELL COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES GUIDELINES

The decision on whether to grant or deny a Personal Bond is within the sole discretion of the Court. The Pretrial Services Office (PTS) will interview, evaluate and recommend Personal Bonds in appropriate cases. PTS is designated and authorized to write bonds within the below listed guidelines. Any PTS bond request that does not fall within the below listed guidelines must have the approval of the appropriate Court.

1. PTS will apply the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) Severity of Offense Scale to determine if an individual will be eligible for release on a PTS bond. The TCJS Offense Severity Scale is a list all criminal offenses in the Texas Penal Code classified by a severity of offense scale ratings of low, moderate, high and highest with an additional classification of assaultive offenses.
2. Any offense with a "low" severity rating will be eligible for release on a PTS Personal Bond.
3. Any offense with a "moderate" severity rating will be eligible for release on a PTS (Electronic Monitor) Bond.
4. Any offense with a "high" or "highest" severity rating will be not be eligible for release on PTS (Electronic Monitor) Bond without prior approval of the appropriate Court.
5. PTS will apply TCJS Severity of Offense Scale to determine if an offense is classified as assaultive. Any offense identified as "assaultive" will not be eligible for release on a PTS (Electronic Monitor) Bond without prior Court approval.
6. If an individual is within the guidelines of a PTS Bond for a current charge, but he or she has a previous felony conviction for an assaultive offense or a history of arrests for assaultive offenses within the last 5 years the individual will be placed on a PTS (Electronic Monitor) Bond.
7. PTS (Electronic Monitor) Bond has a two tiered program (House Arrest and Community Interact).
8. PTS (Electronic Monitor) Bond "House Arrest" means they do not leave their residence for any reason without prior approval by Pretrial Services.
9. PTS (Electronic Monitor) Bond "Community Interact" means they can be given permission to leave the residence with specified conditions (work or seeking work, school, medical appointments with specific restrictions from areas or persons and time restrictions or curfews).
10. All PTS Bonds: The Individual must have a permanent/stable address. An exception would be some misdemeanor cases which will be considered on case by case basis. Individuals may not move out of the county while on bond unless they receive permission from PTS.
11. Regardless of eligibility for release based on the above guidelines PTS will not interview for PTS Bonds on the following cases unless directed to by the appropriate Court - individuals living out of the State of Texas/ CPF/ NISI/ Escape/ Bail Jumping/ FTA/ intoxication related offenses/ cases involving protective orders/ other county or state charges/ holds from other agencies, counties or states/ parole (blue) warrants/ individuals currently on probation from a Coryell County Court/ individuals with prior PTS surety off bond/ individuals charged with a new offense committed while on Bond.
12. Even though an individual falls within the guidelines that does not mean release is required. PTS will also take into consideration; community ties, stability, criminal history, risk to the community, risk level, future plans and any other available information.

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