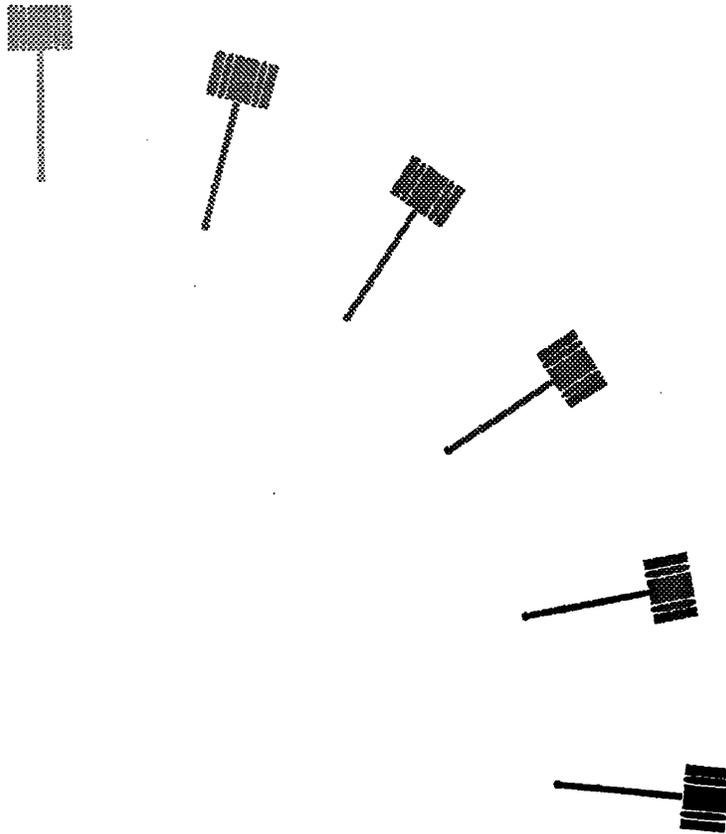




# Harris County Pretrial Services Agency



**1995 Annual Report**

## Mission

To develop and provide services that support informed, accountable pretrial release and detention processes which neither unduly restrict a defendant's liberty nor compromise the safety of the community.

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## Acknowledgements

The Pretrial Services Agency is part of a larger criminal justice community that works together to promote the administration of justice in Harris County. We would like to specifically recognize the Harris County Commissioners' Court, the Pretrial Services Standing Committee, the District Criminal Courts, the County Criminal Courts at Law, and the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department as key contributors to a quality Pretrial Services program.

## 1995 Activity Summary

### Quality Information: a Valuable Resource

The defendant reports compiled by the Pretrial Services Agency include material obtained from many areas. While the defendant provides the initial information during an interview, Agency staff expand the report to include responses from family, friends, and other relevant parties about the defendant's criminal, social, and medical history. Finally, criminal history is confirmed by investigating various sources.

The Pretrial Services Agency compiled 59,789 defendant reports in 1995. This number represents a 3.2% increase over the number of reports completed in 1994. The increase in reports mirrors a growth in arrests for new Class A and B misdemeanor and felony offenses from 63,000 in 1994 to 65,000 in 1995. In 1995, the Agency was able to report on 91% of the defendants arrested on these charges.

The information is collected at numerous locations throughout the county. The Agency maintains offices 24 hours a day at the Central and Southeast Jails of the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Jail Inmate Processing Center, the Probable Cause Courtroom, and the Anderson-Clayton Building. In addition, staff can interview defendants in local area hospitals and other holding facilities when necessary.

The courts use the reports to facilitate decisions about pretrial release and detention as well as sentencing options. Regarding the former, instances where a defendant had a misdemeanor offense and received a formal court review increased in 1995 from 1994 while those with felony offenses received fewer reviews than in the previous year. Overall, the courts released 13.5% fewer defendants on personal bond in 1995 than they did in 1994. The number of defendants who obtained release via a cash or surety bond but received court ordered supervision by the Pretrial Services Agency rose slightly in 1995.

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The defendant report compiled by the Pretrial Services Agency continues to assist other departments in their functions. The Harris County Sheriff's Department Warrants division, Community Supervision and Corrections Department, and FBI access defendant report records as needed to augment their files or investigations. Defense attorneys routinely request a copy of the report on their clients and the District Attorney's office supplements the information in their case file with that compiled by the Agency. The records have even proved useful to the Harris County Medical Examiner's office to track down next of kin for deceased persons.

### Supervision Tailored by the Court

The Pretrial Services Agency offers a wide spectrum of supervision and support services. A defendant is assigned to a unit within the Defendant Monitoring Section based on the release conditions ordered by the court. A Pretrial Officer will assume responsibility for managing the case – monitoring the defendant's compliance with the release conditions and maintaining



*Defendants must check in by phone regularly with the General Caseload Unit*

accurate records about the person's performance.

Defendants assigned to the General Caseload unit do not routinely require intensive supervision as a part of their release. Supervision in this unit is directed at

assuring compliance with standard conditions that include regular, scheduled check-ins by telephone and in-person as well as court date notification. This unit supervised a monthly average of 1,481 defendants in calendar year 1995 – approximately 82% of all defendants on supervision with the Pretrial Services Agency.

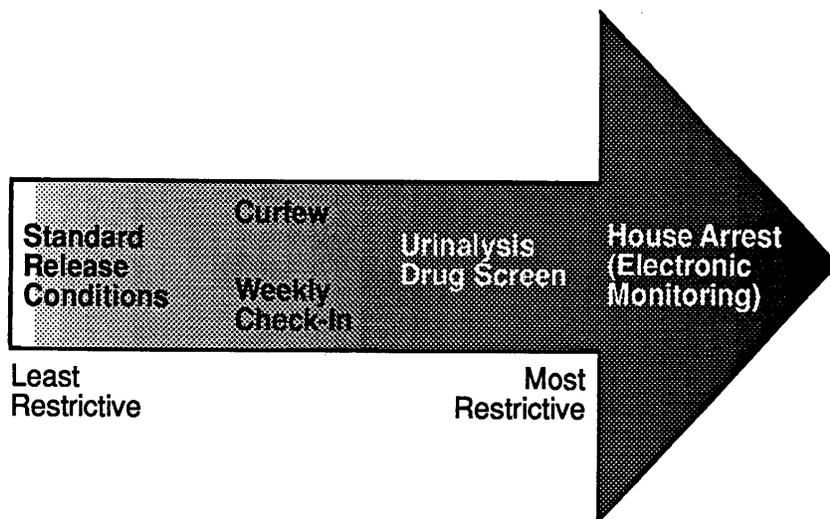
During calendar year 1995, the Specialized Caseload unit remained a significant means of providing supervision to defendants released on all types of bail in Harris County. The average monthly caseload for enhanced supervision in 1995 was 318 defendants. The total number of defendants released on personal bond requiring intensive supervision dropped in 1995; however, there was a slight increase in the number of defendants released on financial bail (cash or surety bond) requiring these services. Moreover, the average monthly contacts required to monitor the broad range of conditions on surety or cash bonded defendants rose significantly in 1995.

### Failure to Appear Resolution Remains High Priority

Efforts to locate and apprehend those defendants who failed to appear for a scheduled court date in 1995 were quite effective. A total of 701 persons released on personal bond had a warrant issued because he or she failed to appear in court. Of those 701 defendants, 78% (548 defendants) had their failure to appear warrants resolved as of January 31, 1996. The majority of the resolved cases (91.6%) resulted from the arrest of the defendant.

Timely return of defendants to the criminal justice system results from the prompt and expeditious follow up of the failures to appear by the Pretrial Services staff. During calendar year 1995, over 65% of all cases in which a warrant was issued for failure to appear were resolved within 60 days from the warrant's issue date. The cooperative effort between the Agency and the Harris County Sheriff's Department has been instrumental in the Agency's effectiveness in resolving such cases.

#### Range of Release Conditions



### Services Offered by the Special Caseload Unit

*Screening for illegal drug use (testing through the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office)*

*Electronic monitoring (including in-home screening for use of alcohol by the defendant)*

*Curfew restriction*

*Residence requirements*

*Employment verification*

*Educational attainment*

*Supervision of substance and alcohol abuse treatment*

*Monitoring mental health treatment*

*Supervising attendance in sexual abuse and violence counseling*

*Coordination of supervision services for defendants living out of the Harris County area*

### Referrals for Services Offered by the Community Resource Unit

*Substance/alcohol abuse screening and treatment*

*Employment*

*Education and vocational training*

*Assessment of mental health impairment and treatment*

*Emergency housing*

*Financial assistance for utilities and rent*

*Medical care (including prenatal care)*

*Dental care*

*Counseling*

*Nutrition/food*

*Childcare*

### Defendants with Mental Impairments

Offenders with mental impairments present special challenges to the criminal justice community. The need to identify and treat such persons has meant changes to both policies and laws. As a recent series in the Houston Chronicle (March 17-19, 1996) pointed out, this issue will continue to stretch the resources of state and local governments as persons with a mental illness continue to be arrested for crimes often related directly or indirectly to their illness.

In 1993 and 1995 the Texas Legislature revised the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow for the identification and

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treatment of defendants with mental impairments without requiring that the defendant be found incompetent. The amended Code establishes when persons in the pretrial stage can get appropriate treatment for mental illness outside a jail setting.

Article 17.032 directs a magistrate to release a defendant with mental illness on personal bond if several criteria are met. Those are:

- 1) the defendant is not charged with or previously convicted of a violent offense;
- 2) the defendant is examined by a mental health expert;
- 3) the expert concludes the defendant is mentally ill and competent to stand trial; and
- 4) the expert recommends mental health treatment for the defendant.

The magistrate must determine that appropriate services are available. A condition of release that the defendant submit to the mental health treatment can

be imposed if the mental illness is chronic or the defendant's ability to function independently will deteriorate without treatment. The magistrate may also impose other conditions that are reasonably necessary to protect the community.

Pretrial Services has been a part of the effort in Harris County to provide better mental health services to defendants with mental illness. For

***The Agency has incorporated a Mental Health Screening tool into the interview format.***

### Reporting Requirements

The 74th Legislature considered a number of bills that would have affected the operations of pretrial services agencies statewide. While most of these bills did not survive the session, modifications to Article 17.42 of the Code of Criminal Procedure passed.

The changes codify the reporting requirements of personal bond offices in the state of Texas. Article 17.42, Section 5 requires all personal bond programs in Texas except those that on January 1, 1995 were operated by a community corrections and supervision department to report monthly on persons released on personal bond effective September 1, 1995. Section 6 of Article 17.42 lists information that must be included in an annual report to be submitted no later than April 1 of each year.

The Harris County Pretrial Services Agency has provided monthly and annual reports of activity since 1975 when the first Aberti order was filed.

The law does not require an accounting of similar activity for any other form of release despite repeated recommendations to the legislature to ensure that the report would be a comprehensive look at activities during the pretrial stage. For instance, there is no similar reporting requirement for persons released on a commercial surety although such releases account for over 60% of all bonded defendants in Harris County.

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## **Alberti Case Closed**

On August 8, 1995, the Chief Judge in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, Honorable Norman W. Black, issued a final order in the long standing Lawrence R. Alberti, et al. vs. Sheriff of Harris County, et al. vs. George W. Bush, Jr. et al. litigation (Civil Action No. H-72-1094). The Alberti litigation has resulted in many changes within the local criminal justice system, as well as the construction of two (2) new jail facilities since the initial order in 1975.

With the vacating of all remedial orders and plans, the Harris County Pretrial Services Agency was primarily affected with respect to operational control. As part of the first Alberti order in 1975, the operational control of the Agency became the responsibility of the Harris County judiciary while budgetary control remained with the Harris County Commissioners' Court. Now both the budgetary and operational control of the Agency became the responsibility of the Commissioners' Court.

Two other significant results of the final order for the Pretrial Services Agency were the assignment of funds "to be used for electronic monitoring of persons on pretrial release. . . where the Harris County [judicial officers] have authorized electronic monitoring as

a condition of release," and the establishment of "a joint program between the Harris County Pretrial Services Agency and the... [Mental Health and] Mental Retardation Authority [of Harris County] to divert pretrial detainees charged with non-violent misdemeanor or felony offenses."

The only caveat of the final order that could ultimately allow the Alberti litigation to return to active status in federal court involves the failure of both the County and State to adhere to established population

caps. The Federal court, "ORDERED that all prior remedial plans and orders in this case are VACATED except those provisions establishing. . . population caps... [to] remain in effect until August 15, 1997."

The PTSA remains committed to continuing to assist the local judiciary with efforts to divert offenders as warranted and to provide the necessary supervision services for those defendants released at the pretrial stage.

## **Defendants with Mental Impairments**

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instance, the Pretrial Services Agency employees conduct interviews with people within a few hours of their arrest. The Agency has incorporated a Mental Health Screening tool into the interview format. Using a combination of self-reporting and observation the interviewer collects information to aid in identifying persons who may have a mental impairment.

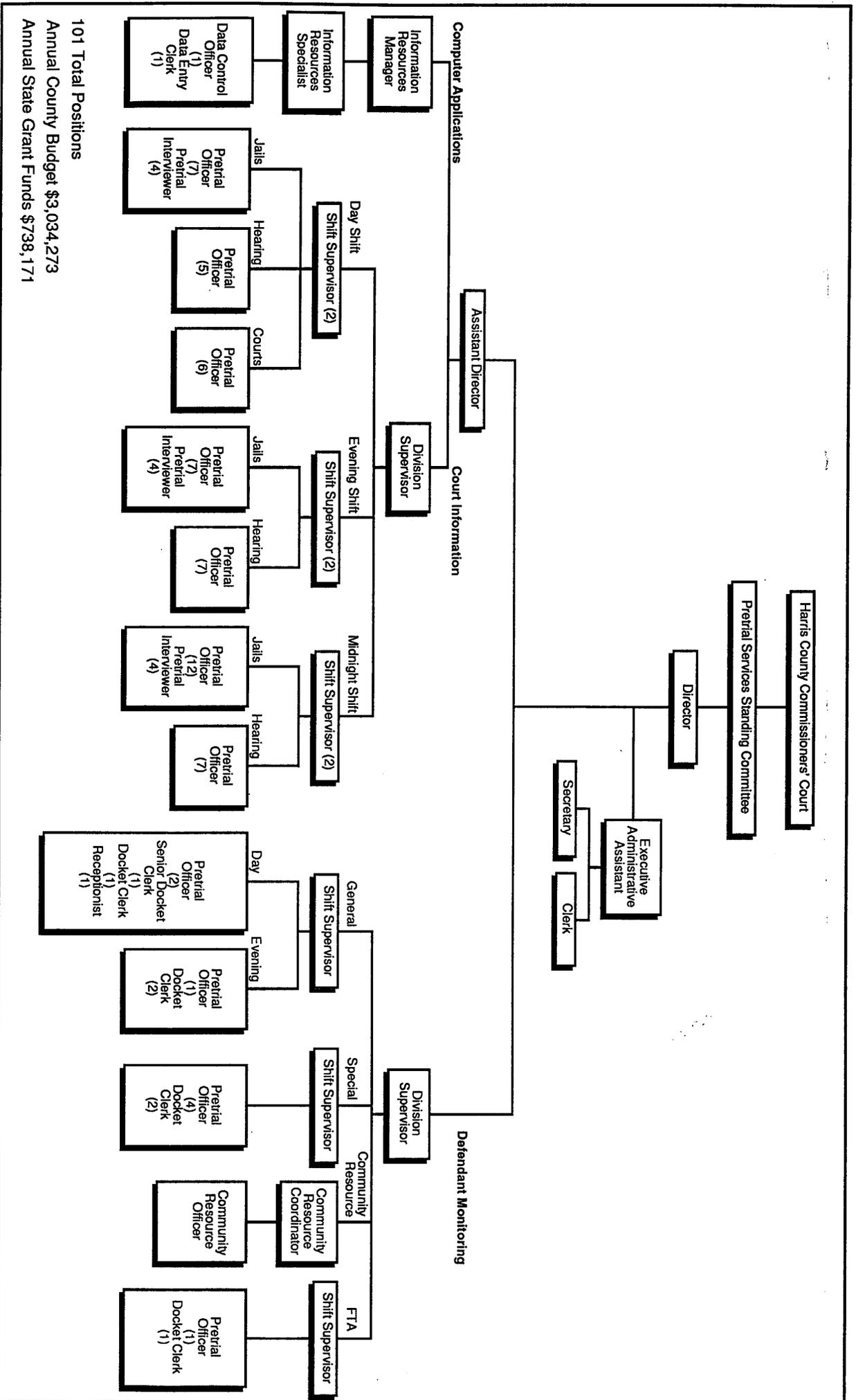
The defendant is asked a series of questions including:

- 1) do you have a mental health problem;
- 2) have you been hospitalized for a mental illness;
- 3) are you now or have you ever been a MHMR client; and
- 4) are you on any maintenance medication.

The interviewer records the answers and any observations that may be relevant based on criteria listed on the form. The court is notified of relevant findings. The information is also forwarded to MHMR so that they can identify those persons needing assessment more quickly. An MHMR forensic unit in the Harris County Jail can assess the defendants and provide the results to the Pretrial Services Agency.

If the magistrate decides to release the defendant on personal bond a range of services is available through the Agency. The Community Resources Unit assists with the screening, referral, and coordination of services for defendants supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency. The Special Caseload Unit assumes responsibility for monitoring compliance with the special conditions of release. The Special Caseload staff have smaller caseloads and can provide the careful tracking and intervention that the defendants with mental impairments require.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR HARRIS COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY



101 Total Positions  
 Annual County Budget \$3,034,273  
 Annual State Grant Funds \$738,171

**I. Incarcerated Defendant Activity (Jail)**

**A. Number of defendants arrested at the time charges were filed:**

Filing Agency	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both	%	TOTAL	%
HPD/Park	27,501	66.1%	12,261	70.4%	670	63.7%	40,432	67.3%
HCSO	4,772	11.5%	2,162	12.4%	151	14.4%	7,085	11.8%
Pasadena	749	1.8%	416	2.4%	18	1.7%	1,183	2.0%
Baytown	861	2.1%	317	1.8%	19	1.8%	1,197	2.0%
Humble	428	1.0%	106	0.6%	11	1.0%	545	0.9%
DPS	668	1.6%	153	0.9%	15	1.4%	836	1.4%
Constables	2,742	6.6%	590	3.4%	71	6.8%	3,403	5.7%
Other	3,896	9.4%	1,419	8.1%	96	9.1%	5,411	9.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,617</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,424</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>60,092</b>	<b>100%</b>

**B. Number of defendants arrested on a warrant:**

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% of Arr
1,658	3,318	0	4,976	7.6%

**C. Total number of defendants arrested in the reporting year:**

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% Interv
43,275	20,742	1,051	65,068	91.1%

**D. Number and location of incarcerated defendant interviews conducted by the Pretrial Services Agency.**

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both <sup>a</sup>	%	TOTAL	%
HPD Jails	25,481	66.9%	11,805	60.6%	1,058	61.3%	38,344	64.7%
HCI/PCH	12,507	32.8%	7,516	38.6%	663	38.4%	20,686	34.9%
Other	86	0.2%	154	0.8%	6	0.3%	246	0.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,074</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19,475</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>59,276</b>	<b>100%</b>

a. These numbers may be larger than arrests due to charges added after the defendant was booked.

**E. Number and location of defendant releases on a personal bond:**

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both	%	TOTAL	%
HPD	1,341	23.1%	42	3.3%	2	5.3%	1,385	19.5%
HCI	4,470	76.9%	<sup>a</sup> 1,213	96.7%	36	94.7%	5,719	80.5%
Rehab	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Other	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,814</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,107</b>	<b>100%</b>

a. This figure includes nineteen (19) reinstatements of personal bond and two (2) bonds granted for fugitive charges.

**II. Non-incarcerated Defendant Activity (Non-arrest)**

A. Number of defendants interviewed or with an application on file who had not been arrested:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
299	210	4	513

B. Number of above defendants granted a personal bond:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
271	165	3	439

C. Number of non-arrest personal bonds filed:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
a. 274	b. 164	3	441

a. This figure includes fifteen (15) reinstatements of personal bond.  
 b. This figure includes two (2) reinstatements of personal bond and one (1) replacement bond.

**III. Characteristics of Interviewed Defendants**

A. Gender:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
Male	31,105	81.1%	17,462	81.5%	48,567	81.2%
Female	7,268	18.9%	3,954	18.5%	11,222	18.8%
TOTAL	38,373	100%	21,416	100%	59,789	100%

B. Race/Ethnicity:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
White	13,775	35.9%	6,277	29.3%	20,052	33.5%
Black	12,696	33.1%	10,268	47.9%	22,964	38.4%
Hispanic	11,219	29.2%	4,568	21.3%	15,787	26.4%
Asian	676	1.8%	296	1.4%	972	1.6%
Other	7	0.0%	7	0.0%	14	0.0%
TOTAL	38,373	100%	21,416	100%	59,789	100%

C. Age:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
< 17	35	0.1%	142	0.7%	177	0.3%
17-19	5,759	15.0%	3,807	17.8%	9,566	16.0%
20-24	8,539	22.3%	4,137	19.3%	12,676	21.2%
25-29	7,064	18.4%	3,508	16.4%	10,572	17.7%
30-35	7,440	19.4%	4,080	19.1%	11,520	19.3%
> 35	9,400	24.5%	5,644	26.4%	15,044	25.2%
Unknown	136	0.4%	98	0.5%	234	0.4%
TOTAL	38,373	100%	21,416	100%	59,789	100%

D. Education Level:

	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
No education	380	1.0%	161	0.8%	541	0.9%
1st-8th grade	5,428	14.1%	2,646	12.4%	8,074	13.5%
9th-11th grade	10,673	27.8%	6,807	31.8%	17,480	29.2%
H.S.Grad/GED	13,377	34.9%	7,717	36.0%	21,094	35.3%
College	8,091	21.1%	3,759	17.6%	11,850	19.8%
Unknown	424	1.1%	326	1.5%	750	1.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,373</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21,416</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>59,789</b>	<b>100%</b>

E. Charge Categories: \*

Misdemeanor	Number	%	Felony	Number	%
DWI	8,745	22.8%	Murder / Vol Manslaughter	200	0.9%
DWLS/Other traffic	5,783	15.1%	Assault / Attempted Murder	2,395	11.2%
Theft	7,306	19.0%	Sexual Assault Adult	242	1.1%
Prostitution	1,491	3.9%	Sexual Assault Child	455	2.1%
Drug Possession	3,352	8.7%	Robbery	1,247	5.8%
Trespass	840	2.2%	Other Personal Offense	161	0.8%
Weapon	1,468	3.8%	Burglary	1,328	6.2%
Evading Arrest	1,337	3.5%	Theft	1,879	8.8%
Resisting Arrest	525	1.4%	Auto Theft	1,197	5.6%
Assault	4,010	10.5%	Other Property Offense	1,725	8.1%
Criminal Mischief	705	1.8%	Drug Sale / Manufacture	2,402	11.2%
Other	2,811	7.3%	Drug Possession	5,128	23.9%
			DWI	1,022	4.8%
			Other	2,035	9.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,373</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,416</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* If a defendant has a felony and a misdemeanor offense, they are reflected in the appropriate felony charge category; if a defendant has two or more different felony or two or more different misdemeanor charges, they are counted only once and appear in the first applicable category.

F. Risk Classification Categories:

	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
4	6,423	16.7%	1,814	8.5%	8,237	13.8%
3	8,199	21.4%	2,993	14.0%	11,192	18.7%
2	7,929	20.7%	3,856	18.0%	11,785	19.7%
1	7,513	19.6%	4,893	22.8%	12,406	20.7%
0	4,960	12.9%	4,099	19.1%	9,059	15.2%
-1	2,155	5.6%	2,193	10.2%	4,348	7.3%
-2	842	2.2%	1,100	5.1%	1,942	3.2%
-3	305	0.8%	399	1.9%	704	1.2%
-4	47	0.1%	69	0.3%	116	0.2%
-5	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,373</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21,416</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>59,789</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### IV. Classification and Activity on Defendant Interviews

The Defendant	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Refused an interview	136	0	151	2	289	0.5%
Negative Score	3,168	2	3,524	4	6,698	11.2%
Has no bond set	171	1	2,633	0	2,805	4.7%
Has a bond > 20,000	7	1	889	4	901	1.5%
Has an unverifiable application	204	0	104	0	308	0.5%
Made surety or cash bond before court review	8,726	1	3,694	18	12,439	20.8%
Had case disposed	268	1	1,946	3	2,218	3.7%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>12,680</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12,941</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25,658</b>	<b>42.9%</b>
All Other Applications	25,394	293	8,261	183	34,131	57.1%
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>38,074</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>21,202</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>59,789</b>	<b>100%</b>

Outcome of court review on defendant interviews	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Approved	4,228	233	402	131	4,994	13.2%
Approved pending verification	2,917	4	209	1	3,131	8.3%
Approved with additional conditions	43	30	506	35	614	1.6%
Denied	20,759	24	8,065	13	28,861	76.4%
Denied Bond Lowered	2	0	74	3	79	0.2%
Pending	56	4	46	0	106	0.3%
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED</b>	<b>28,005</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>9,302</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>37,785</b>	<b>100%</b>

Court review of applications previously accounted for:	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Approved	259	1	105	0	365	9.9%
Approved pending verification	29	0	21	0	50	1.4%
Approved with additional conditions	79	1	201	0	281	7.6%
Denied	1,331	1	1,603	2	2,937	79.9%
Denied Bond Lowered	0	0	26	0	26	0.7%
Pending	5	0	12	0	17	0.5%
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,676</b>	<b>100%</b>

Approval activity:	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA	
Total approvals	7,555	271	1,443	168	9,437
Applications filed	6,851	272	1,350	166	8,639
Defendants released	5,814	274	1,294	167	7,549

**V. Total Number of Defendants Placed Under PTSA Supervision**

Type of Release	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total
Released on personal bond	6,088	1,461	7,549
—Assigned to special caseload unit	66	561	627
Released on surety/cash bond	8	239	247
—Assigned to special caseload unit	8	239	247

Bond filed Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 1995	# of Accused
Released on Personal Bond with priors of the same offense or any felony within 6 yrs	45

**VI. Personal Bond Releases by Charge Category**

**A. Misdemeanor:**

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP/MAJ	134	2.1%
DWI	1,525	23.6%
DWLS / Other Traffic	1,006	15.6%
Theft	1,557	24.1%
Prostitution	105	1.6%
Drug Possession	758	11.7%
Trespass	119	1.8%
Weapon	62	1.0%
Evading Arrest	233	3.6%
Resist Arrest	78	1.2%
Assault	156	2.4%
Criminal Mischief	117	1.8%
Other	619	9.6%
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>6,469</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**B. Felony:**

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP / MAJ	179	11.0%
Murder / Vol. Manslaughter	14	0.9%
Assault / Att. Murder	119	7.3%
Sexual Assault Adult	14	0.9%
Sexual Assault Child	34	2.1%
Robbery	58	3.6%
Other Personal Offenses	63	3.9%
Burglary	109	6.7%
Theft	157	9.6%
Auto Theft	86	5.3%
Other Property Offenses	229	14.0%
Drug Sale / Manufacture	94	5.8%
Drug Possession	269	16.5%
DWI	33	2.0%
Other	175	10.7%
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**VII. Average Monthly Number of Defendants Supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency  
In Calendar Year 1995**

	Personal Bond	SUBN / CABD	Courtesy PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Felony	564	96	3	0	664	36.9%
Misdemeanor	1,069	4	0	0	1,073	59.6%
Both Felony & Misdemeanor	58	0	0	0	58	3.2%
Other	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>100%</b>

**VIII. Average Monthly Number of Defendants in Each Supervision Category**

	Number	Percent
A. Number of defendants required to comply with standard conditions.	1,481	82.3%
B. Number of defendants required to comply with special conditions.	318	17.7%
1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS MONITORED ON PERSONAL BOND DEFENDANTS: *		
a. Urinalysis Drug Screening	107	
b. Electronic Monitoring Supervision	46	
c. Weekly in-person check-in	32	
d. Other conditions	40	
2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS MONITORED ON COURTESY SUPERVISION DEFENDANTS: *		
a. Urinalysis Drug Screening	75	
b. Electronic Monitoring Supervision	50	
c. Weekly in-person check-in	6	
d. Other conditions	8	

\* Defendants may be included in more than one category, and, therefore, may be counted more than once.

**IX. Active Defendants: Case Classification Change**

A. Active misdemeanor case: New felony charge; Personal Bond Granted	7
B. Active felony case: New misdemeanor charge; Personal Bond Granted	5

**X. Disposition of Defendants on Personal Bond**

A.

Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	0	0.0%	36	2.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	36	0.4%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	637	9.8%	258	16.2%	8	16.7%	8	16.7%	903	11.1%
Credit Time Served	97	1.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	6.3%	97	1.2%
Fined	1,092	16.9%	24	1.5%	1	2.1%	3	6.3%	1,117	13.8%
Deferred Adjudication	1,882	29.1%	443	27.9%	12	25.0%	7	14.6%	2,337	28.8%
Probation	1,356	21.0%	277	17.4%	9	18.8%	5	10.4%	1,642	20.3%
H CJ Time	519	8.0%	34	2.1%	0	0.0%	5	10.4%	553	6.8%
TDC Time	0	0.0%	26	1.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	26	0.3%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	103	1.6%	114	7.2%	3	6.3%	1	2.1%	220	2.7%
MRP/MAJ Granted	49	0.8%	10	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	59	0.7%
Failures to Appear	610	9.4%	79	5.0%	3	6.3%	9	18.8%	692	8.5%
Non-Compliance	86	1.3%	216	13.6%	10	20.8%	4	8.3%	312	3.8%
Other	38	0.6%	71	4.5%	2	4.2%	3	6.3%	111	1.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,469</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,105</b>	<b>100%</b>

B.

Days on bond with Pretrial Services	Felony	Misd
Average	241.5	63.6

# XI. Case Dispositions

## A. Felony

	MRP / MAJ	MURD / VOL MAN	ASSLT / AT MUR	SX ASLT ADULT	SX ASLT CHILD	ROBB	OTH PERS	BURG	THEFT	AUTO THFT	OTH PROP	DRG SL /MANU	DRUG POSS	DWI	OTH	TOTAL
NOB	0	2	5	4	3	0	5	1	1	5	4	0	3	0	5	38
%	0.0	11.8	3.8	22.2	8.1	0.0	6.3	0.9	0.5	4.7	1.7	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.6	2.0
DISM	0	0	45	6	15	14	27	27	48	23	33	10	55	0	56	359
%	0.0	0.0	34.4	33.3	40.5	29.8	34.2	24.3	25.1	21.5	13.6	8.8	16.8	0.0	28.7	19.3
MRP DISM	149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149
%	72.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0
DADJ	0	4	42	5	15	18	16	48	68	12	106	32	62	0	59	487
%	0.0	23.5	32.1	27.8	40.5	38.3	20.3	43.2	35.6	11.2	43.8	28.1	19.0	0.0	30.3	26.2
PROB	0	1	3	1	0	1	12	10	36	32	53	29	82	24	15	299
%	0.0	5.9	2.3	5.6	0.0	2.1	15.2	9.0	18.8	29.9	21.9	25.4	25.1	66.7	7.7	16.1
FINE	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	9	0	2	0	12	29
%	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.6	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.6	0.0	6.2	1.6
HCJ	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	8	4	10	36
%	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.8	2.4	11.1	5.1	1.9
MRP GRANT	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
%	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
TDC	0	3	3	0	2	0	3	3	2	1	0	6	5	2	1	31
%	0.0	17.6	2.3	0.0	5.4	0.0	3.8	2.7	1.0	0.9	0.0	5.3	1.5	5.6	0.5	1.7
OTH	39	7	20	2	2	12	8	16	26	15	19	27	75	5	29	302
%	18.9	41.2	15.3	11.1	5.4	25.5	10.1	14.4	13.6	14.0	7.9	23.7	22.9	13.9	14.9	16.3
SSR	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	3	12	0	0	25
%	0.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.9	1.2	2.6	3.7	0.0	0.0	1.3
FTA	5	0	5	0	0	1	6	3	4	17	13	5	23	1	8	91
%	2.4	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	2.1	7.6	2.7	2.1	15.9	5.4	4.4	7.0	2.8	4.1	4.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1,858</b>
%	11.1	0.9	7.1	1.0	2.0	2.5	4.3	6.0	10.3	5.8	13.0	6.1	17.6	1.9	10.5	100.0

# XI. Case Dispositions

## B. Misdemeanor

	MRP / MAJ	DWI	DWLS /TRAF	THEFT	PROST	DRUG POSS	TRESP	WEAP	EVAD ARR	RES ARR	ASSLT	CRIM MISCH	OTH	TOTAL
DISM	0	142	90	156	7	88	29	19	47	18	70	33	93	792
%	0.0	8.5	8.6	9.6	6.3	11.2	24.8	23.8	17.9	21.4	37.4	24.8	14.7	11.5
MRP DISM	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113
%	64.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
DADJ	0	0	46	985	47	359	43	22	68	19	49	50	234	1,922
%	0.0	0.0	4.4	60.3	42.0	45.8	36.8	27.5	25.9	22.6	26.2	37.6	36.9	27.8
PROB	0	1141	38	91	1	19	3	0	14	6	16	16	43	1,388
%	0.0	68.6	3.7	5.6	0.9	2.4	2.6	0.0	5.3	7.1	8.6	12.0	6.8	20.1
FINE	0	23	579	135	21	168	11	16	43	14	7	8	122	1,147
%	0.0	1.4	55.6	8.3	18.8	21.5	9.4	20.0	16.3	16.7	3.7	6.0	19.2	16.6
CTS	0	6	25	27	2	20	5	2	12	4	10	3	23	139
%	0.0	0.4	2.4	1.7	1.8	2.6	4.3	2.5	4.6	4.8	5.3	2.3	3.6	2.0
HCJ	0	185	130	63	14	45	10	8	38	9	11	9	38	560
%	0.0	11.1	12.5	3.9	12.5	5.7	8.5	10.0	14.4	10.7	5.9	6.8	6.0	8.1
MRP GRANT	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
%	32.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
OTH	1	24	8	16	1	7	1	2	6	4	6	2	25	103
%	0.6	1.4	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.5	2.3	4.8	3.2	1.5	3.9	1.5
SSR	0	10	3	9	0	2	0	3	1	0	1	1	5	35
%	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	3.8	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.5
FTA	4	132	122	151	19	75	15	8	34	10	17	11	51	649
%	2.3	7.9	11.7	9.2	17.0	9.6	12.8	10.0	12.9	11.9	9.1	8.3	8.0	9.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>6,905</b>
%	2.5	24.1	15.1	23.6	1.6	11.3	1.7	1.2	3.8	1.2	2.7	1.9	9.2	100.0

## XII. Failure to Appear Activity

A. Court Appearances	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	21,105	4,058	25,163	
Appearances made	20,324	3,919	24,243	96.3%
Appearances missed	781	139	920	3.7%

B. Instrument issued for missed appearances (FTA)	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
ACI/REV/B	57	54	111
ACI/OC	21	1	22
ACI/BF	522	24	546
C87/AI	19	3	22
Other	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>701</b>
Less Reinstated	17	3	20
Less Jailed	435	67	502
Less Other	25	1	26
<b>TOTAL FUGITIVES</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>153</b>

a. This figure represents the total number of failures to appear that remain fugitives as of January 31, 1996.

C. Rearrest of defendants that failed to appear*	Number	Percent
Pretrial Services Agency**	164	32.7%
HSCO - Pretrial Services Units	126	25.1%
HCSO - Other Street Units	37	7.4%
HCSO - Court Bailiff's Office	42	8.4%
Houston Police Department	99	19.7%
Other Law Enforcement	34	6.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Agencies responsible for the arrest of defendants for failure to appear.

\*\* The Harris County Sheriff's Office has assigned a detective to serve as liaison between the Pretrial Services Agency and the Criminal Warrants Division of the Sheriff's Department. The detective works with Agency staff to arrest defendants with outstanding warrants at the Pretrial Services Agency's Office.

D. Total defendants resolved	548
Resolved by arrest	502

**XIII. Defendants Charged with New Offense While on Personal Bond**

A.

Type of charge filed	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
New Misdemeanor	175	29	204
New Misdemeanor/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	13	7	20
New Felony	52	31	83
New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	18	11	29
Both New Misd & New Felony	3	2	5
New Misd & New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0
Reindictment	1	20	21
Refile	44	6	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>412</b>

B.

Bail status of new charge	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
Personal Bond Granted	19	17	36
Personal Bond Granted w/ Additional Conditions	5	8	13
Surety Bond Posted	97	24	121
Cash Bond Posted	7	0	7
In Custody	134	48	182
Non-Arrest	6	4	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>369</b>

C.

Court action on personal bond case	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
Bond Surrendered	25	6	31
Bond Revoked	10	19	29
Bond Continued	247	62	309
Bond Continued with Conditions	24	19	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>412</b>

**XIV. Noncompliance Activity**

A.

Bond Surrender	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New offense			
- Misdemeanor	16	2	18
- Felony	7	6	13
Alias identification	1	0	1
Noncompliance with bond conditions	0	16	16
Urinalysis	1	3	4
Other	10	1	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>63</b>

B.

Bond Revocation	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New offense			
- Misdemeanor	9	7	16
- Felony	6	20	26
Alias identification	0	2	2
Noncompliance with bond conditions	29	105	134
Urinalysis	0	41	41
Other	10	38	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>267</b>

C.

Activity on defendants prior to release	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Bond surrender	1	0	1
Bond revocation	0	3	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

**XV. Urinalysis Screening Activity**

A.

Drug/Alcohol testing	Personal Bond	SUBN/ CABD	Courtesy PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Total number of defendants screened	1,220	840	0	0	2,060	
Total number of specimens	2,065	1,099	0	0	3,164	
Specimens confirmed positive	433	233	0	0	666	21.0%

B.

Confirmed positive results	Number	Percent
Cocaine	266	39.9%
THC	252	37.8%
THC/Cocaine	69	10.4%
Methamphetamine	2	0.3%
Amphetamine	2	0.3%
Alcohol	17	2.6%
Other Combinations	58	8.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>100%</b>

**XVI. Community Resource Referrals**

A. Number of defendants screened to determine Community Resource Assistance needs:

	7,620
1. Number indicating no assistance needs:	3,180
2. Number indicating assistance needed:	3,945
3. Number court ordered:	638

B. Service area(s) where defendants requested assistance, or were ordered by the court to participate in a program, and where referrals were provided:

Service Area	Court	%	Requests	%	Referrals	%
Utilities	0	0.0%	1,039	7.5%	481	5.3%
Rent	0	0.0%	1,084	7.9%	360	4.0%
Emergency Housing	0	0.0%	522	3.8%	206	2.3%
Food	0	0.0%	1,058	7.7%	452	5.0%
Transportation	0	0.0%	1,014	7.3%	400	4.4%
Dental Care	0	0.0%	1,581	11.5%	1,251	13.8%
Medical Care/Medication	10	0.7%	996	7.2%	626	6.9%
Prenatal Care	0	0.0%	103	0.7%	19	0.2%
Disability	0	0.0%	241	1.7%	50	0.6%
Counseling	312	23.3%	830	6.0%	789	8.7%
Substance / Alcohol Abuse	453	33.9%	292	2.1%	625	6.9%
Employment	265	19.8%	1,965	14.2%	1,595	17.6%
Vocational Training	0	0.0%	966	7.0%	602	6.6%
Education	297	22.2%	1,582	11.5%	1,258	13.9%
Childcare	0	0.0%	476	3.5%	310	3.4%
Other	0	0.0%	47	0.3%	55	0.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13,796</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,079</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

1. Defendants may request assistance in multiple areas so the total number of requests is greater than the number of defendants.

Requests	by	Defendants
13,796		3,945

2. In each referral category, the defendant could have received a list with multiple contacts; only the referral is counted, not the number of places referred.  
Referrals are not necessarily made in the same month the referral was requested.

Referrals	to	Defendants
15,430		19,846

C. Service outcomes for the 8,105 defendants disposed in Calendar Year 1995.

1. Number of disposed defendants initially screened by community resource:	<u>7,734</u>
2. Number contacted for follow up	<u>2,082</u>
3. Number that did not attempt to receive assistance	<u>753</u>
4. Number that did attempt to receive assistance	<u>1,328</u>
5. Number that are pending assistance	<u>704</u>
6. Number that received the assistance sought	<u>623</u>

D. Service area(s) where defendants received assistance, or are pending assistance

Service Area	1		2	
	Pending	%	Received	%
Assistance paying utility bills	61	5.5%	24	2.6%
Assistance paying rent	41	3.7%	15	1.6%
Received emergency shelter and/or government housing	37	3.3%	0	0.0%
Received emergency groceries or food stamps	51	4.6%	55	6.0%
Bus Schedules and/or towed car information	3	0.3%	100	10.8%
Received Dental Care	110	9.9%	29	3.1%
Received Medical Care/Medication	38	3.4%	24	2.6%
Received prenatal information and/or care	3	0.3%	2	0.2%
Received or applied for social security disability	4	0.4%	3	0.3%
Attended counseling	52	4.7%	248	26.9%
Enrolled in Substance Abuse Treatment Program	15	1.3%	306	33.2%
Received job or job opportunity information	435	39.0%	16	1.7%
Enrolled in vocational program	60	5.4%	5	0.5%
Enrolled in an educational program	168	15.1%	73	7.9%
Received childcare services	31	2.8%	4	0.4%
Received other services not listed above	5	0.4%	19	2.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>100%</b>

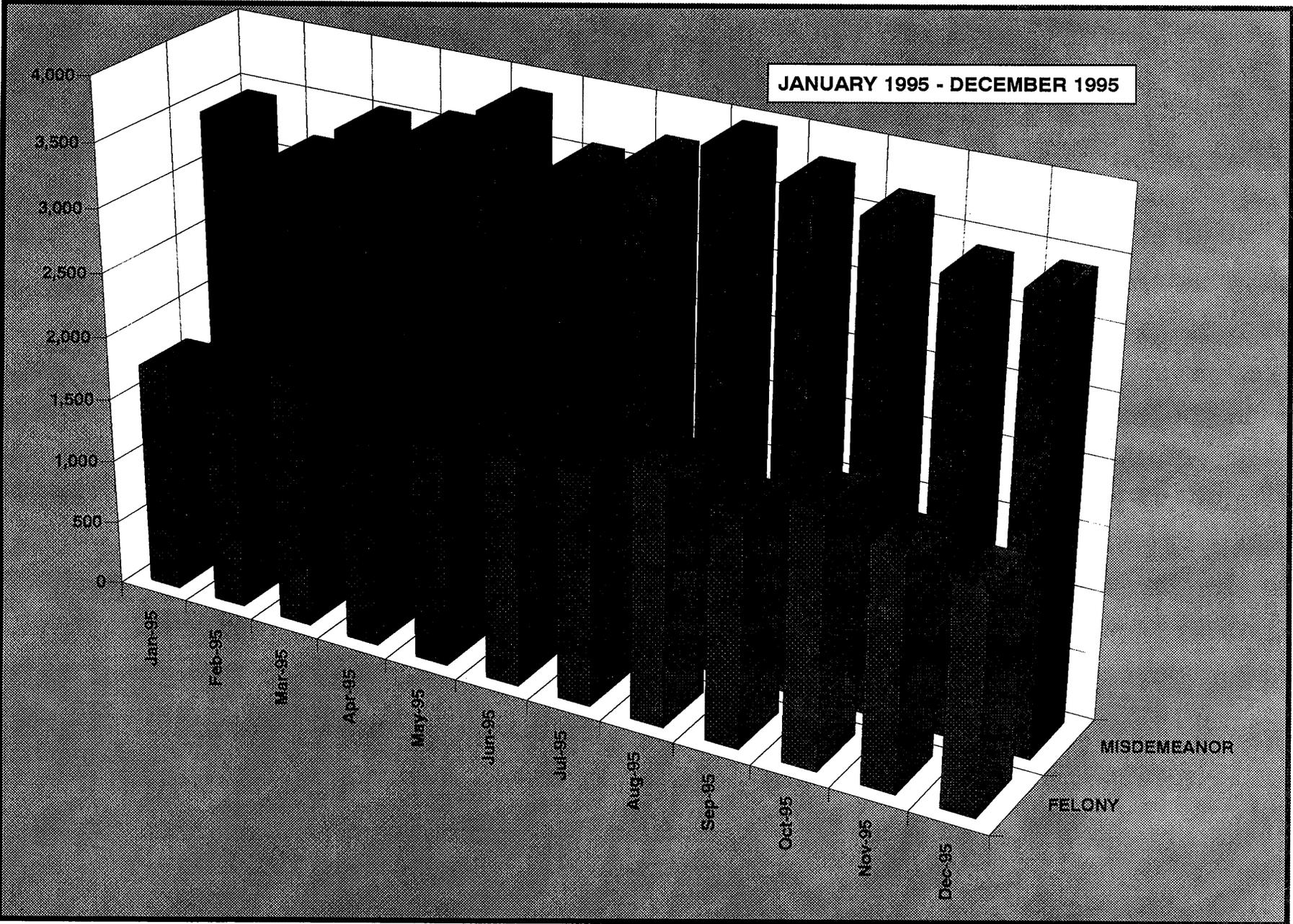
1. Defendants may be pending assistance in multiple areas so the total number of pending is greater than the number of defendants.

Pending	by	Defendants
1,114		704

2. Defendants may have received assistance in multiple areas so the total number of received is greater than the number of defendants.

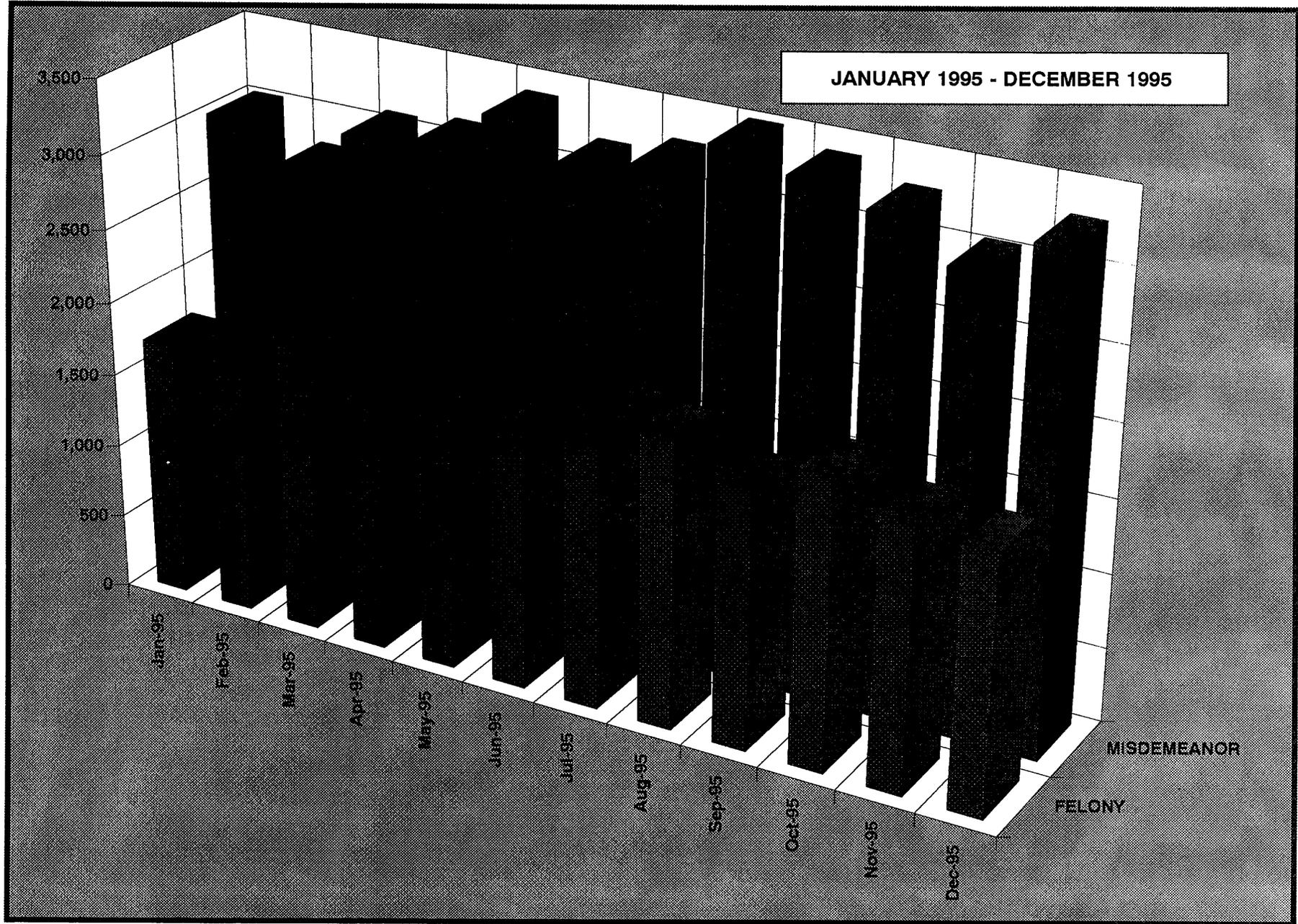
Received	by	Defendants
923		623

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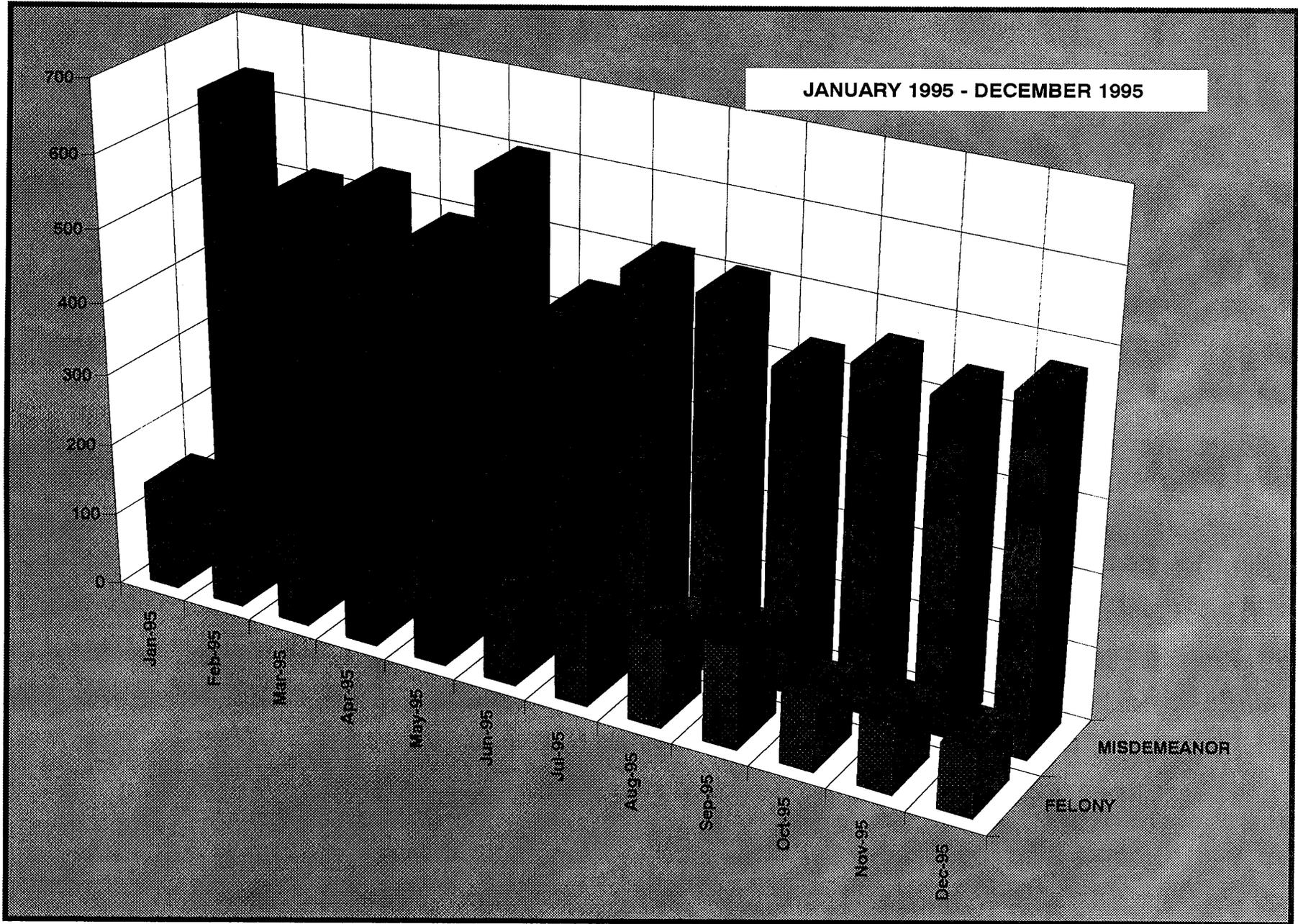


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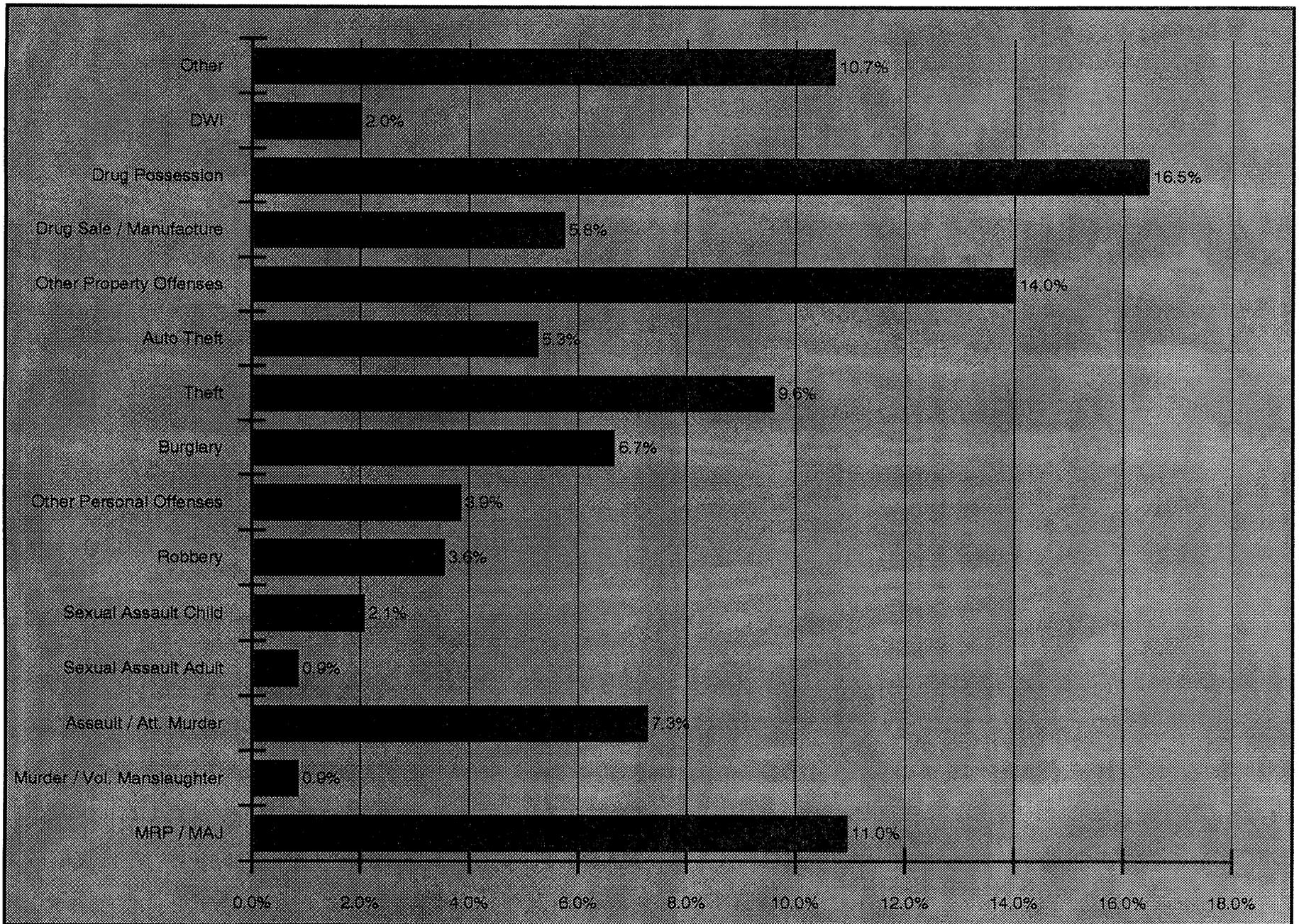
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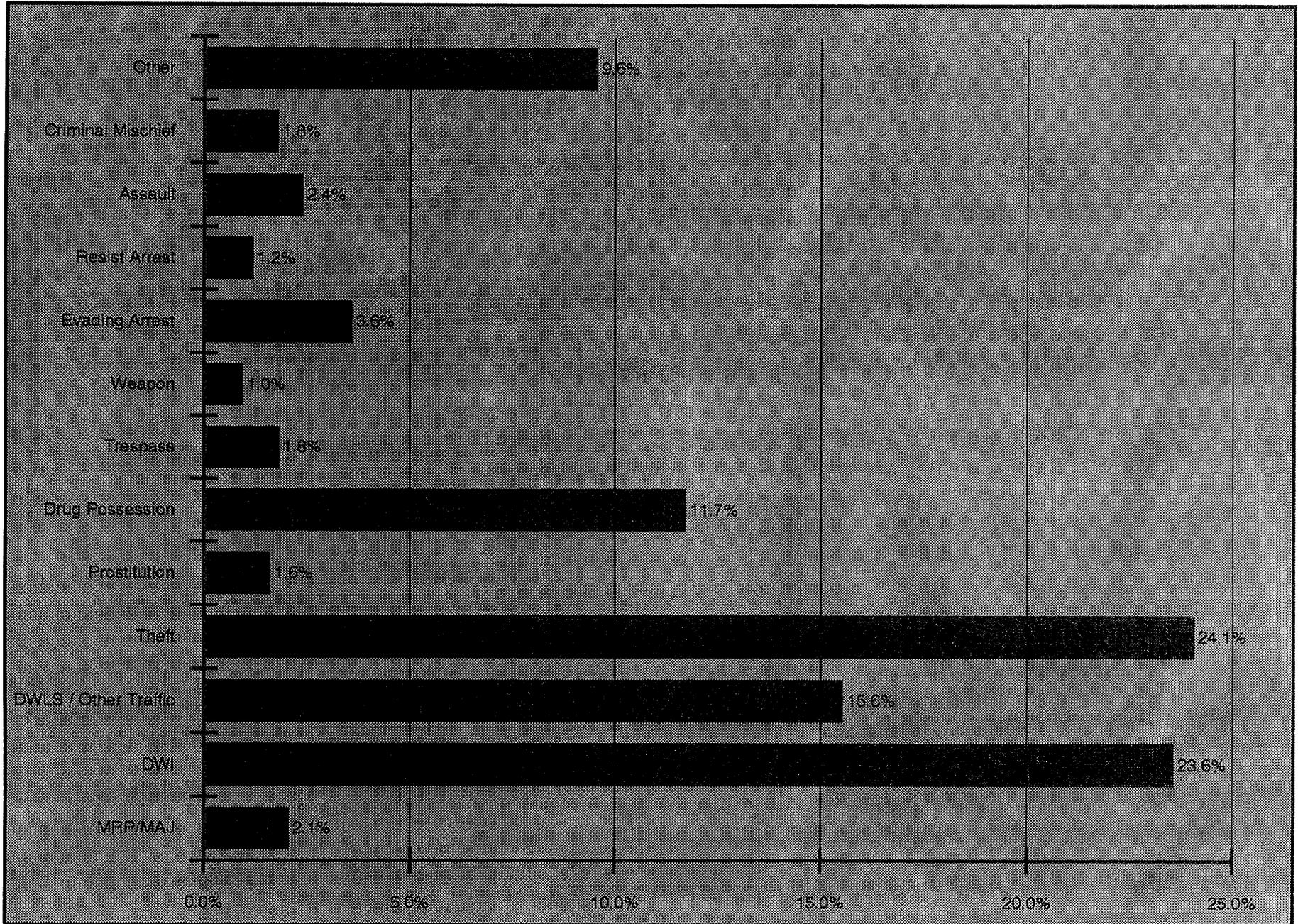
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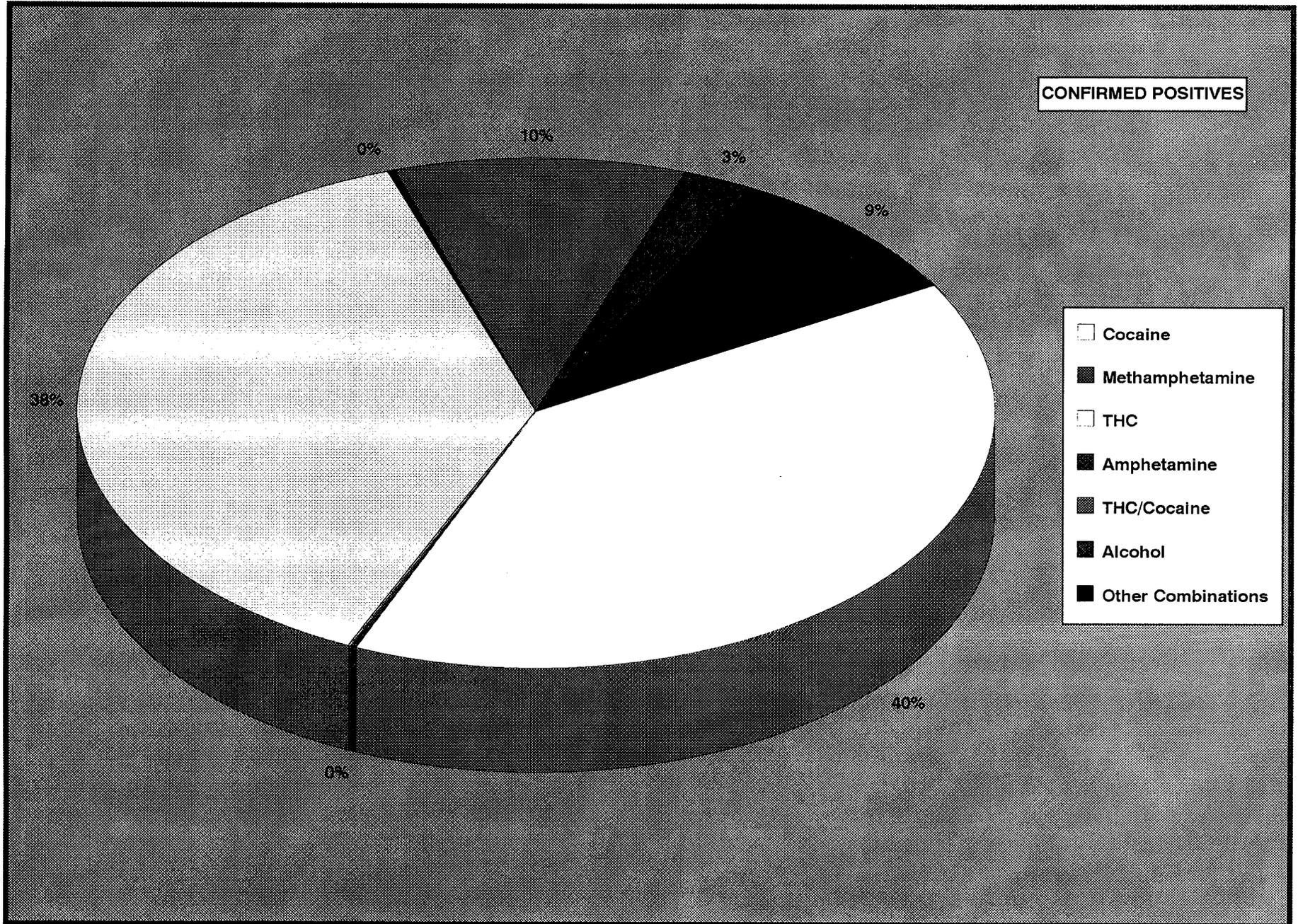
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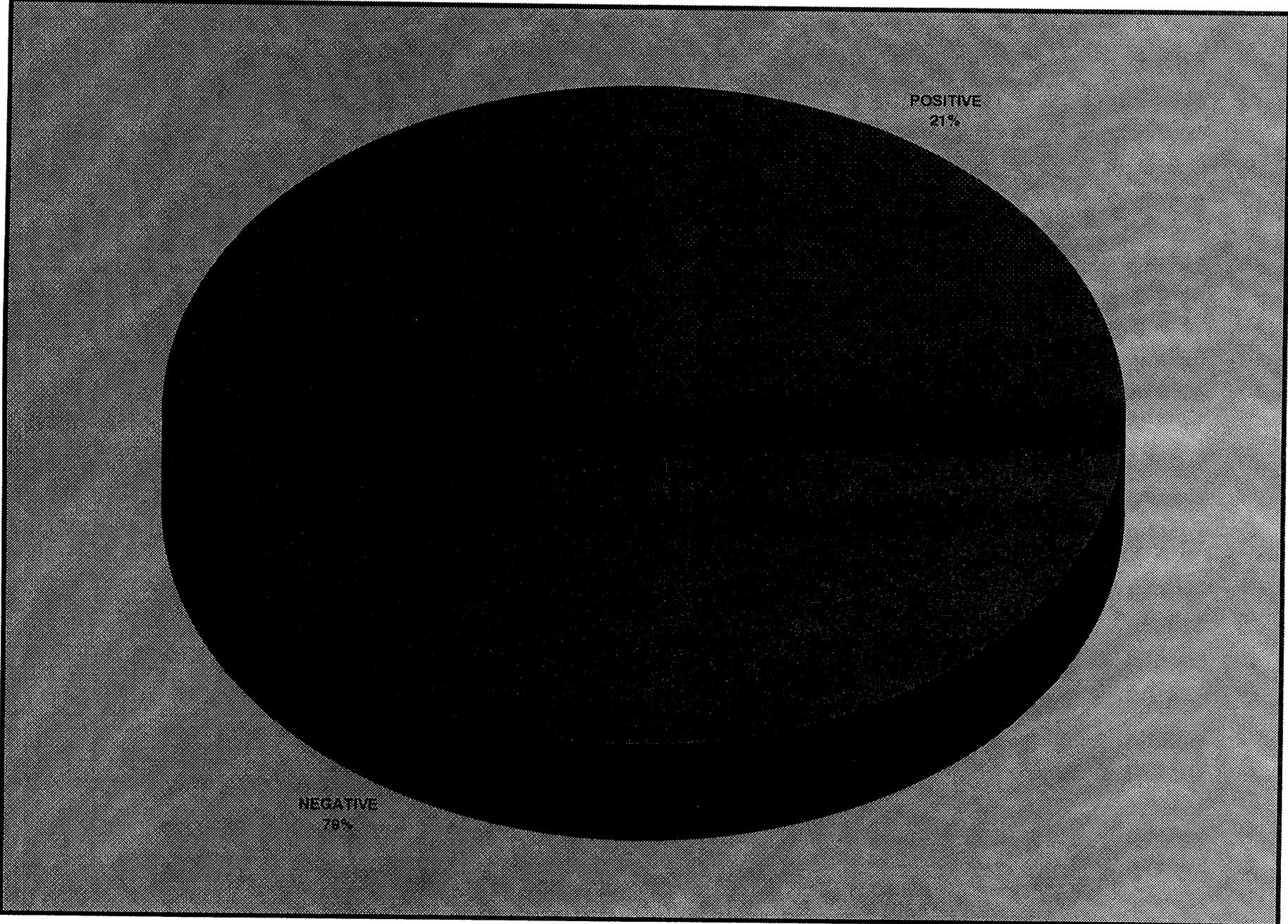
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# ANNUAL 1995 URINALYSIS RESULTS



ANNUAL 1995 URINALYSIS INFORMATION



666 specimens tested positive; 266 cocaine, 252 THC, 69 THC/cocaine, 2 methamphetamine, 2 amphetamine, 17 alcohol, 58 other combinations