

About Pretrial Services

U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services is the community corrections arm of the federal judiciary. As federal law enforcement officers we hold the responsibility to investigate and supervise persons charged and convicted of crimes against the United States. As part of the U.S. District Courts, we are key players in the federal criminal justice process at both the pretrial and post-conviction stages.

U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officers are considered the "eyes and ears" of the Federal Courts. We gather and verify information about persons who come before the Courts and prepare reports that the Courts rely on to make release and detention decisions. Officers may be designated to monitor defendants if released to pretrial supervision, after they are charged and are awaiting trial. We may refer persons released to conditions of pretrial supervision to services which may include, but not be limited to, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, medical care, training, and employment assistance.