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3DaysCount Campaign: Applying Commonsense Solutions to Pretrial Justice Challenges

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Program

Welcome & Kentucky Court of Justice Perspective

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.

National Perspective

Pretrial Justice Institute CEO Cherise Fanno Burdeen

Kentucky Perspective

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul's State Director Jim Milliman

State Rep. Jason Nemes

Chief Regional District Judge Karen A. Thomas of Campbell County

Kentucky Public Advocate Damon Preston

Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney & PJI Board Member Thomas B. Wine

Christian County Jailer Brad Boyd

Q & A

Adjourn

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Chief Justice Minton's Remarks

Welcome! I'm pleased we have such a large crowd on hand today for a joint news conference with one of our most valuable partners, the [Pretrial Justice Institute](#) in Rockville, Maryland.

I want to welcome our impressive group of speakers, whom I'll introduce in a few minutes; my fellow Supreme Court justices, who are in Frankfort this week to hear oral arguments; the judges who are with us today; the circuit court clerks, who drove over from the Kentucky Association of Counties in Frankfort where they're having their spring conference this week; the leadership team and supervisors for the Department of Pretrial Services at the Administrative Office of the Courts, who are on the frontlines of this initiative with the important work they do every day; the reporters who are here to cover this story; and all of our other guests.

Today I'm honored to announce that Kentucky Pretrial Services is joining the other states taking part in PJI's [3DaysCount™ Campaign](#). The force behind this important campaign is Cherise Fanno Burdeen, CEO of the Pretrial Justice Institute, who is with us today. I appreciate the work Cherise is doing on behalf of pretrial reform and want to give her a warm welcome to Kentucky.

As you may know, the goals of pretrial release are to ensure public safety by determining which people should be released and which people should stay in jail, and to help ensure that those released come back to court. Properly assessing and determining pretrial release is central to the pretrial services function.

There's a growing call for reform against financial bail, which can penalize the poor and increase litigation challenging money bail. Kentucky Pretrial Services is joining the wave of pretrial justice reform, which is propelling changes to bail systems across the country.

3DaysCount is based on the premise that even three days in jail can leave many people less likely to appear in court and more likely to commit new crimes because of the stress incarceration places on jobs, housing and family connections, and that commonsense solutions can lead to better outcomes, enhanced public safety and more effective use of public resources.

Kentucky's participation in 3DaysCount came about from the work of our Pretrial Bail Practices Committee. In 2017, I charged a group of 14 circuit and district judges with creating a new risk assessment tool and recommending ways to improve current pretrial practices and court rules in an effort to ensure a fair and just pretrial process for all defendants.

I appreciate the ongoing work of the Pretrial Bail Practices Committee and all of our judges who are working to improve alternatives for pretrial release. As partners with 3DaysCount, Kentucky will have access to national best practices and the support of the Pretrial Justice Institute as we work to educate the judiciary, law enforcement and the public about the importance of commonsense pretrial reform.

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