

# Pretrial Outcomes

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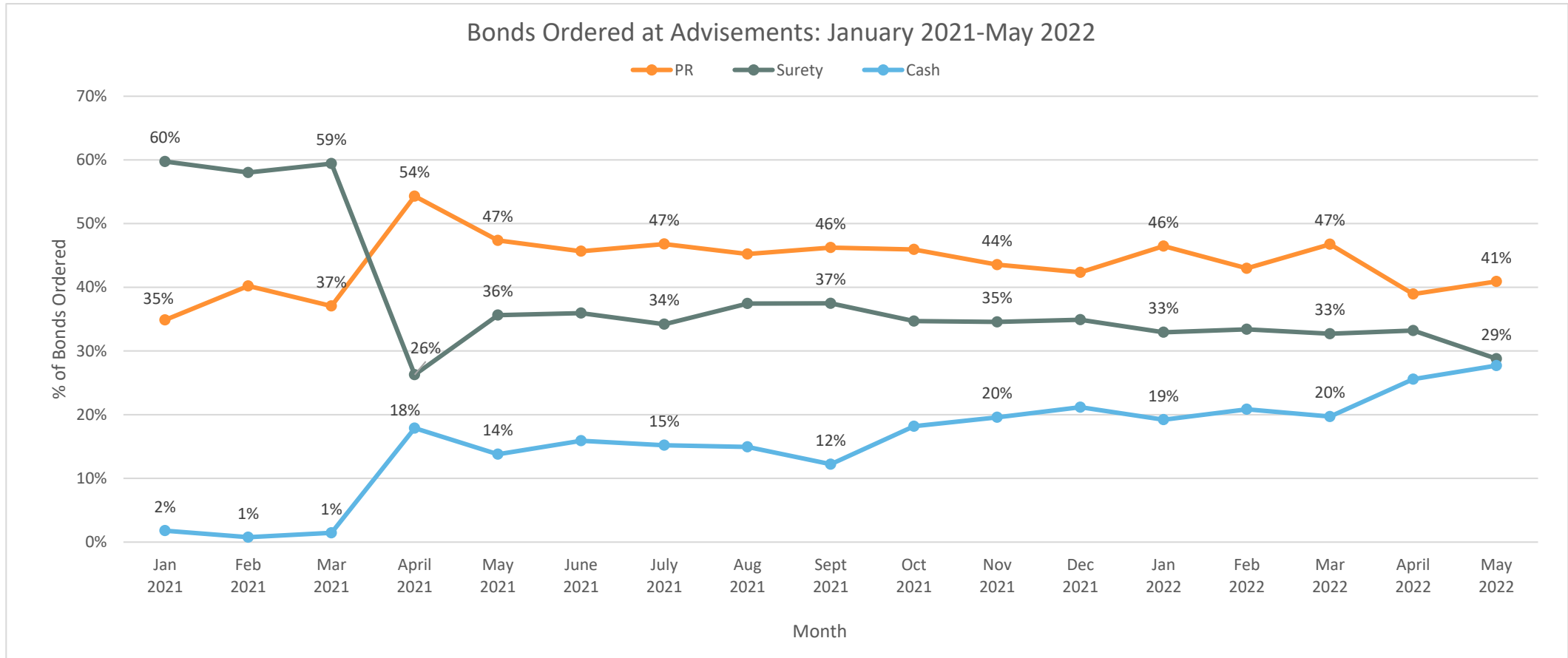
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# Introduction

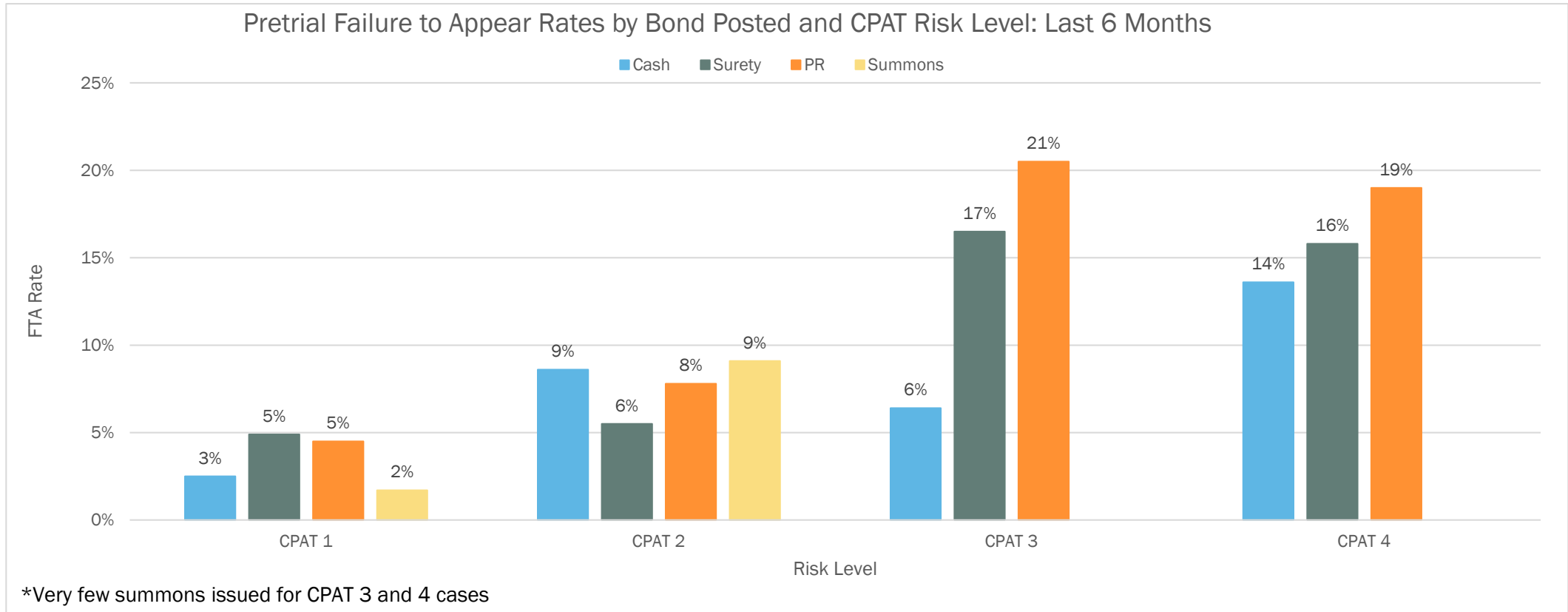
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- Warrants, especially FTA warrants, are a focus in Jeffco
- A larger proportion of Personal Recognizance bonds ordered at Advisements
- Larger proportion of Pretrial caseload released on Personal Recognizance bonds
- What is the impact of the increased use of Personal Recognizance bonds on Appearance Rates among Pretrial defendants?
- Who Fails to Appear on Pretrial Supervision? CPAT risk score? Certain offense types? Criminal history?

# Bonds Ordered at Advisements



# Pretrial Failure to Appear Rates



# Who Fails to Appear on Pretrial Supervision?

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- When we account for CPAT risk, Criminal History, prior Failure to Appear, and Current Offense...
  - There is **NOT** a significant relationship between the type of bond posted and Failing to Appear to court while on Pretrial Supervision
- What are the strongest predictors of Failing to Appear?
  - CPAT Risk
  - Failure to Appear History
  - Certain offense types

# Who Fails to Appear on Pretrial Supervision?

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- CPAT 3 and 4 cases are more likely to FTA, compared to CPAT 1 cases
  - CPAT 3 cases are THREE TIMES more likely to FTA
  - CPAT 4 cases are about TWICE as likely to FTA
- Defendants with multiple PRIOR FTAs are more likely to FTA on Pretrial Supervision, when compared to defendants with no history of Failing to Appear
  - Defendants with 2-5 FTAs in their history are THREE TIMES more likely to FTA, compared to defendants with no history of Failure to Appear
  - Defendants with 6-10 FTAs in their history are also three times more likely to FTA
  - Defendants with more than 10 FTAs in their history are 5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO FTA

# Who Fails to Appear on Pretrial Supervision?

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- Trespass and ID theft cases were significantly more likely to FTA, especially CPAT 3 and 4 cases
  - Trespass cases were about TWICE as likely to FTA, compared to non-trespass cases
  - Identity theft cases were a little over 2.5 times more likely to FTA than non-ID theft cases
- Theft cases, especially CPAT 3 and 4 cases, had high rates of Failing to Appear.
  - CPAT 3 theft cases had a 43.5% FTA rate
- However, Domestic Violence and DUI had low rates of Failing to Appear, regardless of the type of bond posted.
  - These two case types account for a large proportion of our Pretrial population
  - DV cases given a PR bond had an FTA rate of just 6.5%
  - The overall FTA rate for DUI cases on Pretrial Supervision was just 4%; 7% for PR bonds; 3% for summons

# Using technology to improve outcomes

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- November of 2021, we started a text notification program to remind Pretrial defendants of upcoming court hearings
- Defendants get two reminders per court hearing. One reminder a week before, one a day before
- Not a noticeable increase in appearance rates among CPAT 1 and 2 defendants
  - They showed up to court regardless of text notifications
- **HOWEVER**, there was a significant difference in Appearance rates among higher risk (CPAT 3 and 4) defendants who received multiple text reminders
  - CPAT 3: 85% Appearance Rate before text notifications; increased to 92% among defendants who received multiple reminders
  - CPAT 4: 76% Appearance Rate before text notifications; increased to 82% among defendants who received multiple text reminders



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- We are also sending text messages to remind GPS defendants to charge their GPS units
- The number of violations filed to the court for defendants failing to charge their GPS unit has decreased since GPS charge notifications began
  - Pre-text, consistently filing between 50 and 60 violations per quarter
  - After texting, that number has dropped to less than 20 per quarter

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