

Public Safety Assessment: How It Works

The Public Safety Assessment (PSA) is an actuarial assessment that uses nine factors to predict three pretrial outcomes: Failure to Appear (FTA), New Criminal Arrest (NCA), and New Violent Criminal Arrest (NVCA). Use of the PSA, in combination with other pretrial improvements, is associated with improved pretrial outcomes. The PSA does not replace judicial discretion. The PSA provides judicial officers with research-based information that they weigh, along with other information, to make more informed pretrial decisions.

PSA Factors and Pretrial Outcomes

This table shows the nine factors used by the PSA and which factors are used to predict each outcome.

PSA FACTOR	FTA	NCA	NVCA
1. Age at current arrest			
2. Current violent offense			
2A. Current violent offense and 20 years old or younger			
3. Pending charge at the time of the arrest			
4. Prior misdemeanor conviction			
5. Prior felony conviction			
5A. Prior conviction (misdemeanor or felony)			
6. Prior violent conviction			
7. Prior failure to appear in the past 2 years			
8. Prior failure to appear older than 2 years			
9. Prior sentence to incarceration			

Factor Weights

To calculate the scores, each PSA factor is weighted and assigned different points according to the strength of its relationship with the specific pretrial outcome. At the end of the assessment, the points for each pretrial outcome are totaled. The total points assigned to FTA and NCA are then converted to two separate scales ranging from 1 to 6. Lower scores indicate a greater likelihood of pretrial success. The points assigned to NVCA are converted to a scaled score and then to the presence or absence of a “violence flag.”

The following series of tables show how the PSA assigns points to the factors for each outcome and then converts them to scaled scores or a violence flag.

Failure to Appear (FTA)

FTA refers to a person missing a pretrial court hearing and the court, in response, issuing a warrant, capias, or other similar response.

The PSA converts the total number of FTA points to a final, scaled score ranging from 1 to 6.

Failure to Appear: Points		
PSA FACTOR	RESPONSE	POINTS
Pending charge at the time of the arrest	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior conviction (misdemeanor or felony)	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior failure to appear in the past 2 years	No	0
	Yes, just 1	2
	Yes, 2 or more	4
Prior failure to appear older than 2 years	No	0
	Yes	1

Failure to Appear: Points	
TOTAL FTA POINTS	SCALED FTA SCORE

New Criminal Arrest (NCA)

NCA refers to a person being arrested while on pretrial release. It includes both a custodial arrest and an arrest by citation or summons.

The PSA converts the total number of NCA points to a final, scaled score ranging from 1 to 6.

New Criminal Arrest Points		
PSA FACTOR	RESPONSE	POINTS
Age at current arrest	23 or older	0
	22 or younger	2
Pending charge at the time of the arrest	No	0
	Yes	3
Prior misdemeanor conviction	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior felony conviction	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior violent conviction	No	0
	Yes, 1 or 2	1
	Yes, 3 or more	2
Prior failure to appear in the past 2 years	0	0
	Yes, just 1	1
	Yes, 2 or more	2
Prior sentence to incarceration	No	0
	Yes	2

New Criminal Arrest: Scaled Score	
TOTAL NCA POINTS	SCALED NCA SCORE
0	1
1 or 2	2
3 or 4	3
5 or 6	4
7 or 8	5
9 to 13	6

New Violent Criminal Arrest (NVCA)

NVCA refers to a person being arrested for a violent offense while on pretrial release. It includes both a custodial arrest and an arrest by citation or summons.

The PSA converts the total number of NVCA points to a scaled score and then to a “violence flag.”

New Violent Criminal Arrest: Points		
PSA FACTOR	RESPONSE	POINTS
Current violent offense	No	0
	Yes	2
Current violent offense and 20 years old or younger	No	0
	Yes	1
Pending charge at the time of the arrest	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior conviction (misdemeanor or felony)	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior violent conviction	No	0
	Yes, 1 or 2	1
	Yes, 3 or more	2

New Violent Criminal Arrest Violence Flag	
TOTAL NVCA POINTS	SCALED NVCA SCORE (VIOLENCE FLAG)
0 or 1	1 (NO)
2	2 (NO)
3	3 (NO)
4	4 (YES)
5	5 (YES)
6 or 7	6 (YES)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MONTEREY

PRETRIAL SERVICES ASSESSMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPT. @, Judge @ (@/@/23), @ P.M.

vs

Booking Number: @
Case Number: @

@
Defendant

CURRENT OFFENSE (S):

Arrest Date/Cite Date: @/@/23	Arresting Agency: @
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Code Violations	Felony/Misdemeanor	Counts

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:(PCD narrative) A review of the Monterey County Superior Court Electronic Probable Cause Declaration provided the following narrative. or **A Probable Cause Declaration was unavailable on JPAW and therefore a narrative of the current arrest could not be provided.** (delete if not applicable.)

CURRENT SUPERVISION STATUS:

Probation PRCS Parole Mandatory Supervision Pretrial None

Additional Information: **A review of the defendant's criminal history does not reveal that they are on active probation supervision.**

A California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) request was made and it resulted in a no-hit for criminal identification files. (use this when no-hit on CLETS)

WARRANT STATUS

The defendant has an active warrant for their arrest Yes NO

(INSERT PRETRIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT)

RECOMMENDATION Should the court determine pretrial release is appropriate, the following conditions are recommended:

PRETRIAL SERVICES CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION: Level **X** Contains:

(Level 1 Conditions)

1. Report to the Probation Department in person at 20 East Alisal Street, Salinas, between 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. the next business day following release and thereafter when and as directed.
2. Sign up for Court date reminders.
3. Obey all laws.
4. Appear for all future court hearings.
5. Not change place of residence from Monterey County without permission of the Probation Officer, or leave the State of California without permission from the Court.
6. Report any changes of residence, address, or telephone number to the probation officer within 24 hours.
7. Report any new law violation, arrest or citation by law enforcement to the probation officer within 24 hours.
8. Shall waive extradition if you fail to appear as required and are apprehended outside of the State of California.
9. Permit the search of your person, car, personal effects, or place of residence, night or day, without the necessity of a search warrant, at the direction of the Probation Officer or any Peace Officer.

(Level 2 Conditions and all Level 1 Conditions) (delete if not applicable)

10. Phone Check-in with Pretrial Services Staff once per month and as directed.

(Level 3 Conditions and all Level 1 Conditions) (delete if not applicable)

11. In-Person Check-in with Pretrial Services Staff once per month and as directed.

(Level 4 Conditions and all Level 1 Conditions) (delete if not applicable)

12. In-Person Check in with Pretrial Services Staff twice per month and as directed.

(Drug Conditions) (delete if not applicable)

13. Totally abstain from the use of alcohol, marijuana, or other controlled substances without the express permission of your Probation Officer or the Court. Do not traffic in, or associate with persons known to you to use or traffic in controlled substances.
14. Submit to and complete any field sobriety test or alcohol/narcotics testing of your blood, breath, or urine at the request of the Probation Officer or any Peace Officer.
15. Participate in any counseling or substance abuse program the Court deems necessary, including approved residential treatment. No credit for time served in any residential treatment program shall be applied toward any future local jail sentence nor to any future prison commitment.

(DUI Conditions) (delete if not applicable)

16. Totally abstain from the use of alcohol, marijuana, or other controlled substances without the express permission of your probation officer or the court. Do not traffic in, or associate with persons known to you to use or traffic in controlled substances.
17. Totally abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, not purchase or possess alcoholic beverages, and stay out of places you know alcohol to be the main item of sale.
18. Submit to and complete any field sobriety test or alcohol/narcotics testing of your blood, breath, or urine at the request of the Probation Officer or any Peace Officer.
19. Not operate a vehicle with any measurable amount of alcohol/drug in your blood.
20. Not operate a vehicle unless properly licensed and insured.
21. Participate in an alcohol monitoring program (SCRAM) and comply with the program's instructions and requirements.
22. Participate in any counseling or substance abuse program the Court deems necessary, including approved residential treatment. No credit for time served in any residential treatment program shall be applied toward any future local jail sentence nor to any future prison commitment.

(Other Conditions) (delete if not applicable)

23. Not knowingly come within 100 yards of the victim, the victim's residence or place of employment, and any vehicle the victim owns or operates. Have no direct or indirect contact with the victim, including contact by telephone, writing, computer, or through another person, except in compliance with any order of the Family Law or Dependency Court.
24. Not annoy, molest, attack, strike, threaten, harass, stalk, sexually assault, batter, or disturb the peace of @.
25. Stay away 100 yards away from the perimeter of @.

26. Not be out of your home between 8:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. without prior approval of the Probation Officer and cooperate with the Probation Officer in a home curfew program, which may include the use of electronic surveillance equipment.
27. Sign a Consent to Release information form allowing the Probation Department to exchange information with @.
28. Sign a Consent to Release information form allowing the Probation Department to exchange information with your physician, and/or mental health professional. Comply with any case plans, directives, and/or recommendations made by your physician or mental health professional.
29. The defendant shall participate in the supervised release GPS electronic monitoring as directed by probation and comply with the electronic monitoring instructions and requirements.
30. Not possess, receive or transport any firearm, ammunition or any deadly weapon.

Respectfully Submitted,

TODD KEATING
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

Deputy Probation Officer/ Probation Aide

Approved for Filing

Date