

Coryell County Pretrial Services Guidelines

The Pretrial Services office (PTS) will interview, evaluate and recommend Personal Recognizance (PR) bonds for individuals arrested in Coryell County. The decision to grant or deny a PR Bond rests solely on the discretion of the court. For cases filed on information or indictment PTS will write PR Bonds as directed by the court. PTS Bond Officers are designated and authorized to write bonds on unfiled or unindicted cases within the below listed guidelines. Any PR Bond request that does not fall within the below listed guidelines must have the approval of the appropriate court.

1. PTS will apply the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) Severity of Offense Scale to determine if an individual will be eligible for release on a PR Bond.
2. Any offense with a “low” or “moderate” rating will be eligible for release on a PR Bond.
3. Any offense with a “high” or “highest” rating will not be eligible for release without the approval of the appropriate court.
4. PTS will apply the TDCJ-CJAD Case Classification Risk Assessment Tool for individuals with charges eligible for release on PR Bond. These individuals must score minimal or medium risk for PTS to write a bond.
5. PTS will additionally do a needs assessment to include place of residence, employment, local ties to the community, children living in the home, immediate medical needs, or any family with disability living in the home, as well as future plans. The needs assessment will be applied by PTS to get an overall picture of the defendant ability for success on a PR Bond. Individuals who are otherwise eligible for release may be denied a PR Bond based on the “Needs Assessment.”
6. All bonds must include a permanent address, contact information and personal identifiers for the defendant.
7. Regardless of eligibility for release on the above guidelines PTS will not interview for PR Bonds individuals living outside the State of Texas/CPF/NISI/Escape/Bail Jumping/FTA/DWI 2nd or More/cases involving protective orders/other county, state or federal charges/holds from other agencies, counties or states/parole (blue) warrants/individuals currently on probation from Coryell County Courts/individuals charged with a new offense committed while on bond.

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