

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

***DWI-Implied Consent Project:
Comparing Outcomes for DWI Cases 1999-2002***

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Background

The DWI-IC project began in June 2000, with the primary goal of expediting case processing for DWI cases. This report compares cases filed January - May of the last four years (i.e., 1999 through 2002). Cases for each year are tracked until the end of August of the appropriate year, so that results are measured for equivalent follow-up times.

Results

Number of Cases Handled:

Filed 1/1/99 -- 5/31/99: 3,172 cases
Filed 1/1/00 -- 5/31/00: 3,131 cases
Filed 1/1/01 -- 5/31/01: 2,947 cases
Filed 1/1/02 -- 5/31/02: 2,765 cases

Percent Disposed in the Test Period:

Of cases filed between January and May 1999, **86.9%** were disposed by August 31, 1999.

Of cases filed between January and May 2000, **92.0%** were disposed by August 31, 2000.

Of cases filed between January and May 2001, **94.7%** were disposed by August 31, 2001.

Of cases filed between January and May 2002, **94.8%** were disposed by August 31, 2002.

<i>Division</i>	<i>Filed Pre-DWI-IC</i>		<i>Filed Pre-DWI-IC</i>		<i>DWI-IC project</i>		<i>DWI-IC project</i>	
	<i>Total Cases 1/1/99-5/31/99</i>	<i>Percent Disposed by 8/31/99</i>	<i>Total Cases 1/1/00-5/31/00</i>	<i>Percent Disposed by 8/31/00</i>	<i>Total Cases 1/1/01-5/31/01</i>	<i>Percent Disposed by 8/31/01</i>	<i>Total Cases 1/1/02-5/31/02</i>	<i>Percent Disposed by 8/31/02</i>
Downtown	1,026	82.7%	986	88.7%	918	92.7%	827	92.4%
Brookdale	583	90.4%	712	93.5%	620	96.0%	549	94.7%
Ridgedale	733	88.1%	625	94.4%	712	95.9%	650	96.2%
Southdale	830	88.6%	808	92.7%	697	94.8%	739	96.3%
TOTAL	3,172	86.9%	3,131	92.0%	2,947	94.7%	2,765	94.8%

Type of Disposition:

Of those disposed by the end of August of the respective years, here is the conviction rate.

1999 cases: 96.2% convicted
 2000 cases: 96.1% convicted
 2001 cases: 94.3% convicted
 2002 cases: 96.8% convicted

Dismissal Rates by Division:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Percent of 1999 Cases Dismissed</i>	<i>Percent of 2000 Cases Dismissed</i>	<i>Percent of 2001 Cases Dismissed</i>	<i>Percent of 2002 Cases Dismissed</i>
Downtown	8.9%	10.3%	14.2%	9.1%
Brookdale	2.3%	1.7%	2.7%	1.5%
Ridgedale	1.4%	0.7%	1.5%	0.8%
Southdale	1.1%	0.9%	1.8%	0.3%
TOTAL	3.8%	3.9%	5.8%	3.2%

Jury Trials:

Of the 5 jury trials held for the 1999 cases, 4 (80%) resulted in a guilty verdict.

There was only one jury trial held for the 2000 cases, and it resulted in a guilty verdict.

Of the 14 jury trials held for the 2001 cases, 11 (79%) resulted in a guilty verdict.

Of the 6 jury trials held for the 2002 cases, 4 (67%) resulted in a guilty verdict.

Length of Time to Resolution & Number of Hearings (for cases resolved by 8/31 of each year):

	<i>1999 Cases</i>	<i>2000 Cases</i>	<i>2001 Cases</i>	<i>2002 Cases</i>
<i>Time from Offense to Filing</i>	30 days	24 days	25 days	21 days
<i>Time from Filing to First Appearance</i>	10 days	10 days	10 days	11 days
<i>Time from First Appearance to Resolution</i>	38 days	37 days	24 days	23 days
<i>Number of Appearances</i>	2.8 hearings	2.7 hearings	3.0 hearings	2.9 hearings

Percent Disposed within a Given Number of Days From First Appearance:

	<i>1999 Cases</i>	<i>2000 Cases</i>	<i>2001 Cases</i>	<i>2002 Cases</i>
<i>Percent Disposed within 30 days of First Appearance</i>	52.5%	53.8%	67.7%	67.9%
<i>Percent Disposed within 45 days of First Appearance</i>	66.1%	66.7%	81.7%	81.3%
<i>Percent Disposed within 60 days of First Appearance</i>	76.2%	76.0%	92.1%	93.1%
<i>Percent Disposed within 75 days of First Appearance</i>	82.8%	82.7%	95.4%	96.0%

***Implied Consent Trials by Division and Year, January through August Only
(Project Began June 2000)***

Division	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Downtown</i>	186	133	71	69
<i>Brookdale</i>	115	79	39	25
<i>Ridgedale</i>	191	141	54	52
<i>Southdale</i>	198	140	42	41
Total over 8 months	690	493	206	187

Conclusions

Since beginning in the summer of 2000, the DWI-IC project appears to be continuing to meet its original goals.

- ✓ *More cases disposed each year since the project began.*
- ✓ *Dismissal rates for the downtown division (which originally rose after the first year of the project) are down to only 9%.*
- ✓ *Timing indicators show that cases are being processed significantly more quickly since the project began.*
- ✓ *Over 80% of DWI cases are currently resolved within 45 days of first appearance, and over 95% are resolved within 75 days. State guidelines require that 99% of the misdemeanor cases are resolved within 180 day.*
- ✓ *Implied consent trials dropped dramatically (29%) the first year of the DWI-IC initiative started, and have continued to drop each subsequent year. This was true for all four divisions.*