

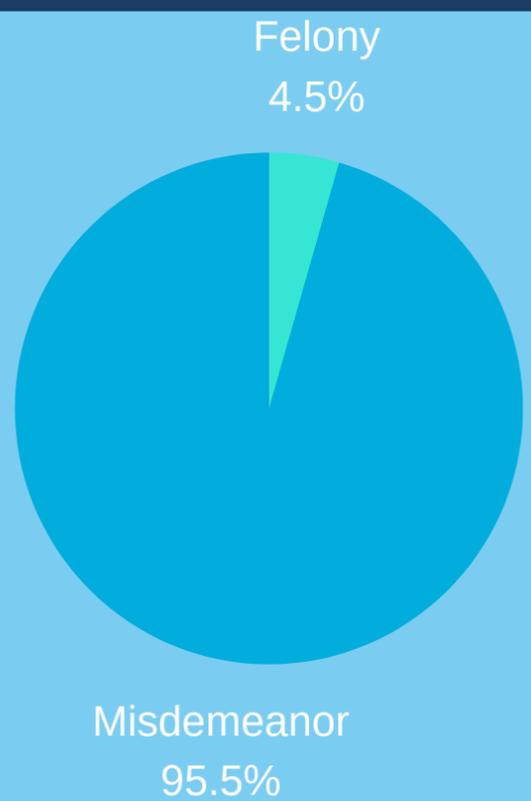
STATE JAIL COURT

YEAR IN REVIEW

On June 1, 2018, the Travis County District Attorney's Office launched their State Jail Court (SJC) program in order to more effectively address low-level drug and theft-3rd offender cases, offenses which tend to represent public health issues rather than public safety concerns. The program, by moving these cases to a centralized docket, can minimize the impact of the criminal justice system on accused individuals, alleviate caseloads in district court and allow trial court prosecutors to focus on crimes that pose a serious public safety risk.

REDUCE FELONY CONVICTIONS

Felony convictions carry lifelong consequences. To alleviate the constraints on reentry, DA Moore has reduced 95% of SJC pleas to misdemeanors.



DISCONTINUE THE USE OF 12.44(A)



12.44(a) allows a defendant to receive misdemeanor punishment on a felony conviction. DA Moore believes that if a case is deserving of misdemeanor punishment, the defendant should receive a misdemeanor conviction, not a felony.

CREATE EFFICIENCY

As stewards of public resources, we strive to create an efficient criminal justice system. By streamlining the discovery process and making plea negotiations transparent, SJC has reduced the average days to disposition by 72%.

