



**PRETRIAL ASSESSMENT and
MONITORING**

- Pretrial Assessment is designed to help the courts make release decisions in the initial processing of defendants and assures adequate monitoring levels to maximize release, safety and return.
- Pretrial Monitoring will offer opportunities for defendants to remain in the community while awaiting processing of their case.

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PRETRIAL MONITORING

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If ordered to participate in Pretrial Monitoring, you must report to the Pretrial Specialist in Room 221 of the Chippewa County Courthouse:

**IMMEDIATELY UPON RELEASE
FROM THE JAIL UNLESS YOU
HAVE SPOKEN ON THE PHONE
WITH PRETRAIL**

***If cash bond is posted on a
weekend or after 4:30 Monday-
Friday, you must report by next
business day***

MISSION OF PRETRIAL MONITORING

The mission is to reduce crime and improve the outcomes of the criminal justice system while maximizing the release of pretrial defendants, public safety, and court appearances. This is done while recognizing the presumption of innocence and the harmful effects of pretrial detention.

ROLE OF PRETRIAL SERVICES

Pretrial Services provides information to the court to assist them in the pretrial release decision through the use of a Risk Assessment. Pretrial Services monitors individuals released to the community pending future court appearances.

FEE FOR PRETRIAL MONITORING

Typically, there will NOT be a fee for pretrial monitoring. However, special monitoring conditions (Soberlink and Electronic Monitoring) may require fees. Fees may be determined on a case-by-case basis.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

If ordered to pretrial monitoring, the defendant will remain on monitoring until their court case reaches final disposition. Defendants must comply with conditions of monitoring while awaiting disposition. Depending on the level of monitoring ordered, conditions may include:

- ❖ Text or phone message reminders for court hearings.
- ❖ Face-to-face or alternative contacts with a Pretrial Specialist.
- ❖ Daily or random drug and alcohol testing.
- ❖ Monitoring devices, such as Soberlink or Electronic Monitoring.
- ❖ Other conditions imposed by the court.

BENEFITS OF PRETRIAL MONITORING

- ❖ Allows individuals who have not been convicted the opportunity to stay in the community pending court proceedings.
- ❖ Opportunity to participate in voluntary programs such as employment readiness, job skills, Comprehensive Community Services and substance abuse treatment.
- ❖ Provides individuals with an opportunity to take advantage of diversion programming.

All defendants are innocent until proven guilty. Under no circumstances will the defendant be asked to talk about the current offense to protect the defendant from self-incrimination.