

Judicial Response to COVID-19



Dane County Judge
Josann Reynolds



Staying Jail Sentences

- In appropriate circumstances and to the extent allowable by law, the court has delayed jail report dates or has authorized the temporary release of defendants serving a jail sentence.

2.

Relief from Warrants

- The court issued an emergency order permitting officers who encounter individuals with outstanding warrants to release them after obtaining current contact information from them without taking them to jail. This order covers non-domestic misdemeanors as well as non-violent Class H and I felonies (excluding repeat OWIs).



3.

Delaying Sentencing



- To avoid requiring defendants to serve jail sentences while the COVID-19 outbreak continues to affect the jail, the court has, in appropriate cases, scheduled sentencing hearings on a later date after accepting a guilty plea.

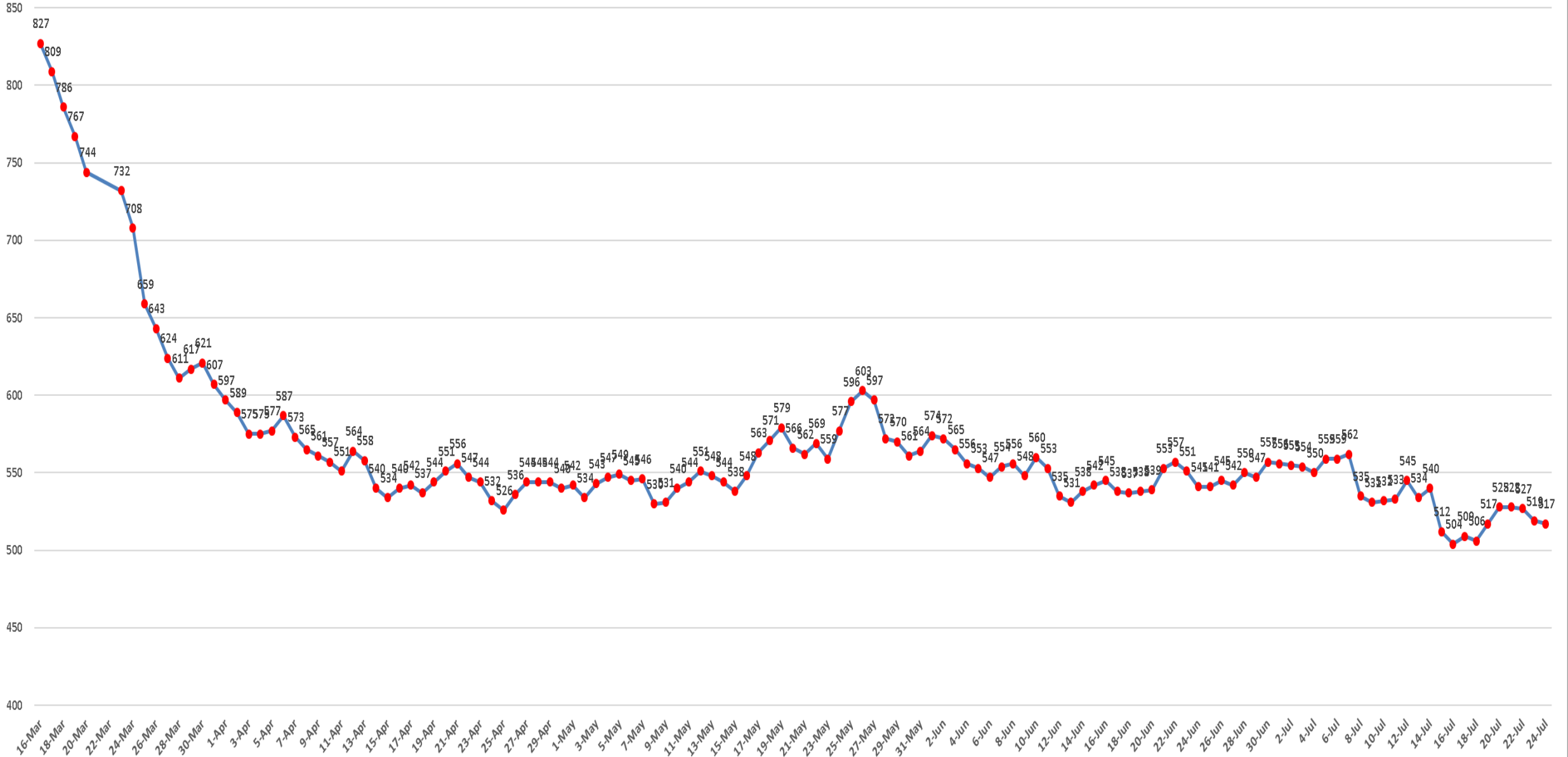
4.

Reducing or Eliminating Cash Bail



- In appropriate circumstances, the court has reduced or eliminated cash bail to allow defendants awaiting trial to be released from jail. While the goal is always to set cash bail at the lowest amount needed to assure court appearances, the court has factored in the COVID-19 outbreak in the jail and the health risks to individual defendants in making bail decisions.

Jail Inmate Morning Roster since 03/16/2020



★ Jail population Monday March 16, 2020 was 827 and as of Thursday July 23 it is 512