



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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**RE: Proffered Written Testimony by Power Point Relating to Challenges Faced in the
District of New Mexico with Respect to Supervision of Criminal Defendants**

Dear Members of the CJA Ad Hoc Committee:

I wish to proffer written testimony by way of a short Power Point presentation (attached), and as information contained therein relates to unique challenges faced in the District of New Mexico in supervising defendants from Indian Country. As you may be aware, the State of New Mexico is the fifth largest state in the union, geographically, but its population is very small and very rural. We have nineteen Pueblo Tribes and two Apache Tribes within our federal jurisdictional boundaries. In addition, a portion of the Navajo Nation is located within the District of New Mexico.

I do not intend to use the Power Point at the Hearing and intend for this information to be shared in written form and utilized as a format for the written testimony. During my remarks, or answers to questions propounded at the Hearing, I will be able to expand on the topics.

The unique circumstances presented in the District of New Mexico necessarily create challenges for defense attorneys and judges. Providers of needed special treatment resources are few and far between, and the vast rural nature of our District places a special burden on attorneys, their investigators and sometimes their experts with respect to travel and access to clients and evidence. In the face of these challenges, our CJA attorneys excel in their efforts.

The information in the Power Point has been updated from a presentation given in early 2014 to representatives from the Administrative Office and a Congressional committee representative.

Thank you for your consideration of this important information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Christina Armijo", written in a cursive style.

M. Christina Armijo, Chief Judge

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District Of New Mexico High Risk Offender Populations

- District of New Mexico Sex Offender Population
- District of New Mexico Juvenile Offender Population
- District of New Mexico Mental Health Population
- Unique Challenges

District Of New Mexico High Risk Offender Populations

Sex Offenders

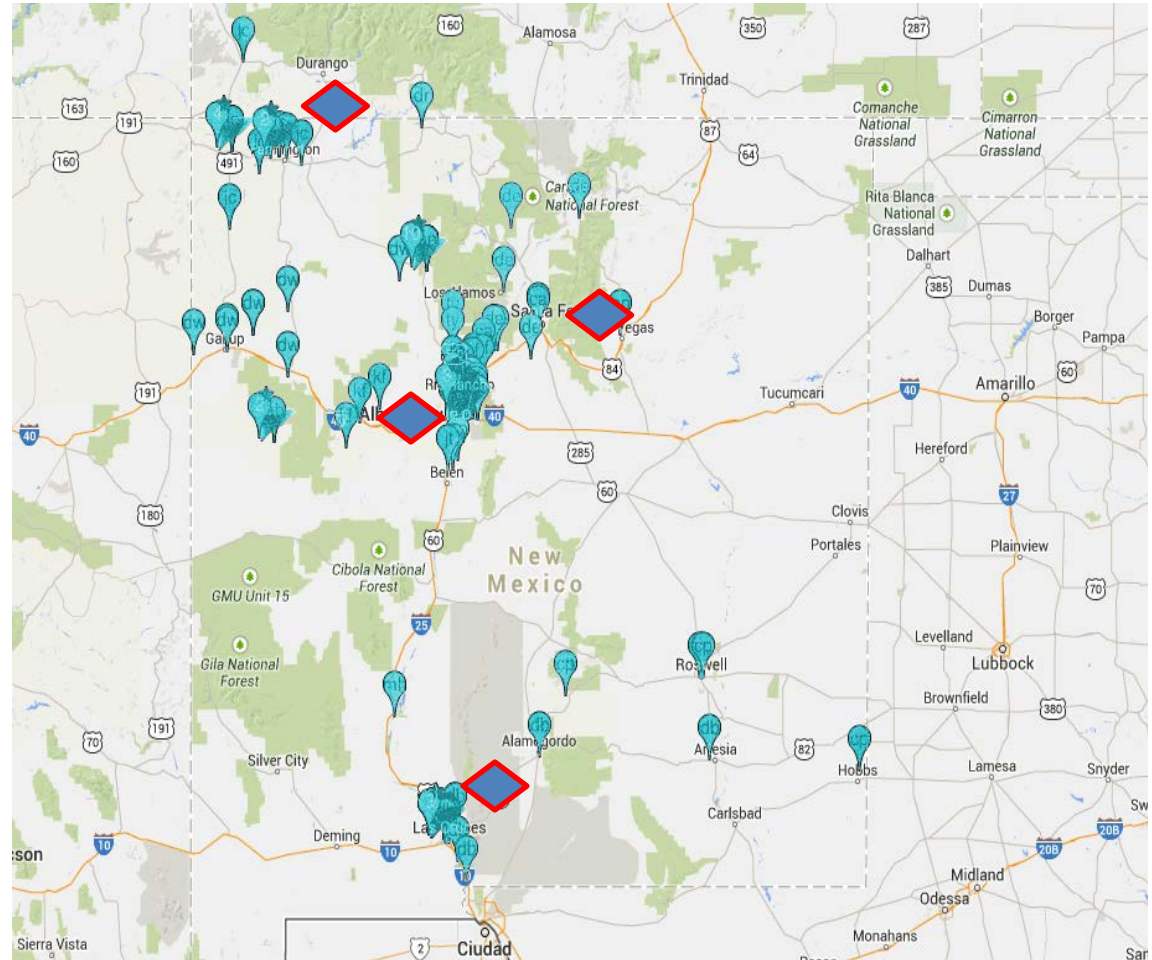
- 199 current cases
- 18 of which are juvenile sex offenders
- 17 projected adult sex offenders to be released by December 2015

Six Specialized Officers are designated to supervise Sex Offender cases district wide.

Geographical Sex Offender Case Distribution for D/NM

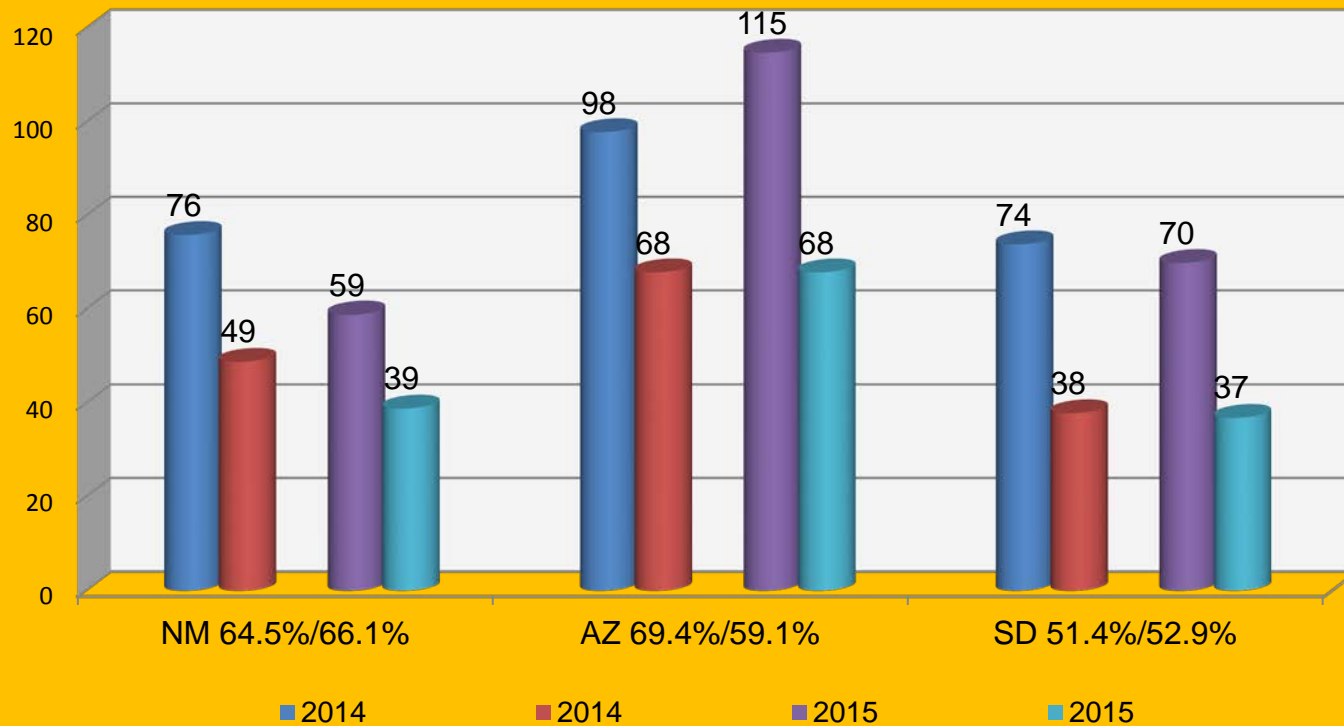
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Balloons = Cases

- Farmington/Gallup-Michael Castenell
- Santa Fe-Jim Vincent
- Albuquerque-Relevancy Inc.
- Las Cruces-Jeanette Castillo



Sex Offender Case Comparison

**Sex Offender Cases Closed by Revocation
Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015**



Sex Offender Case Comparison

Sex Offender Revocation Rates

- 64.5% for fiscal year 2014
- 66.1% for fiscal year 2015

Why such a high rate of revocations?

- Contact with minors
- Absconding
- Pornography
- Substance Abuse
- Non-compliance with treatment
- Halfway House violation
- New sex crime/crime
- Higher caseloads-minimizing offender/officer contact
- Juvenile facility accepting sex offender cases

D/NM High Risk Offender Populations

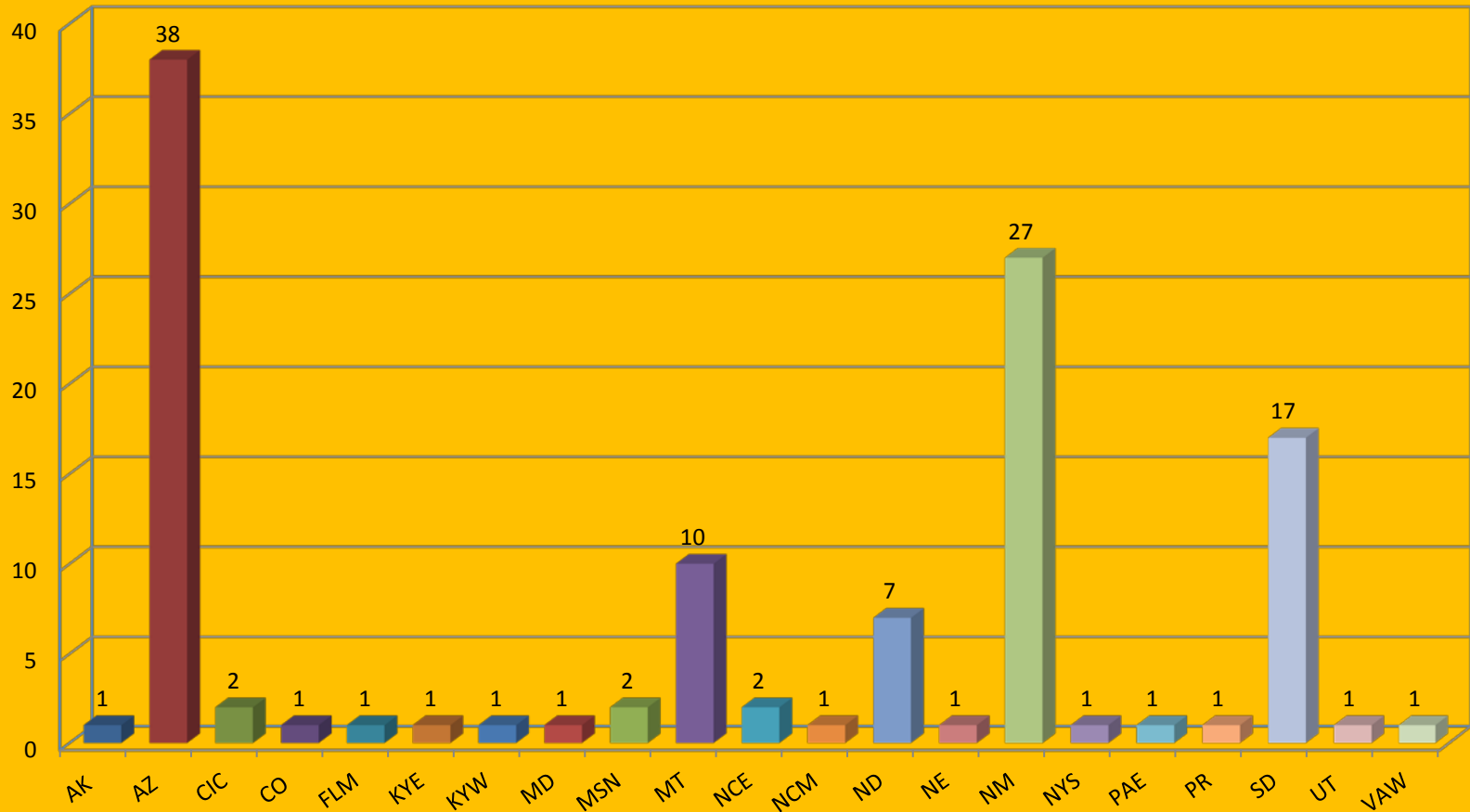
– Juvenile Offenders

- 27 current cases (Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico)
- Juveniles come from several tribal reservations such as; Laguna, Acoma, Zuni, Santo Domingo, White Mountain, Navajo Reservation, Hopi, Mescalero, San Carlos and Havasupai
- 18 of which are juvenile sex offenders

One Specialized Officer and 6 other officers have been designated to supervise juvenile offender cases district wide.

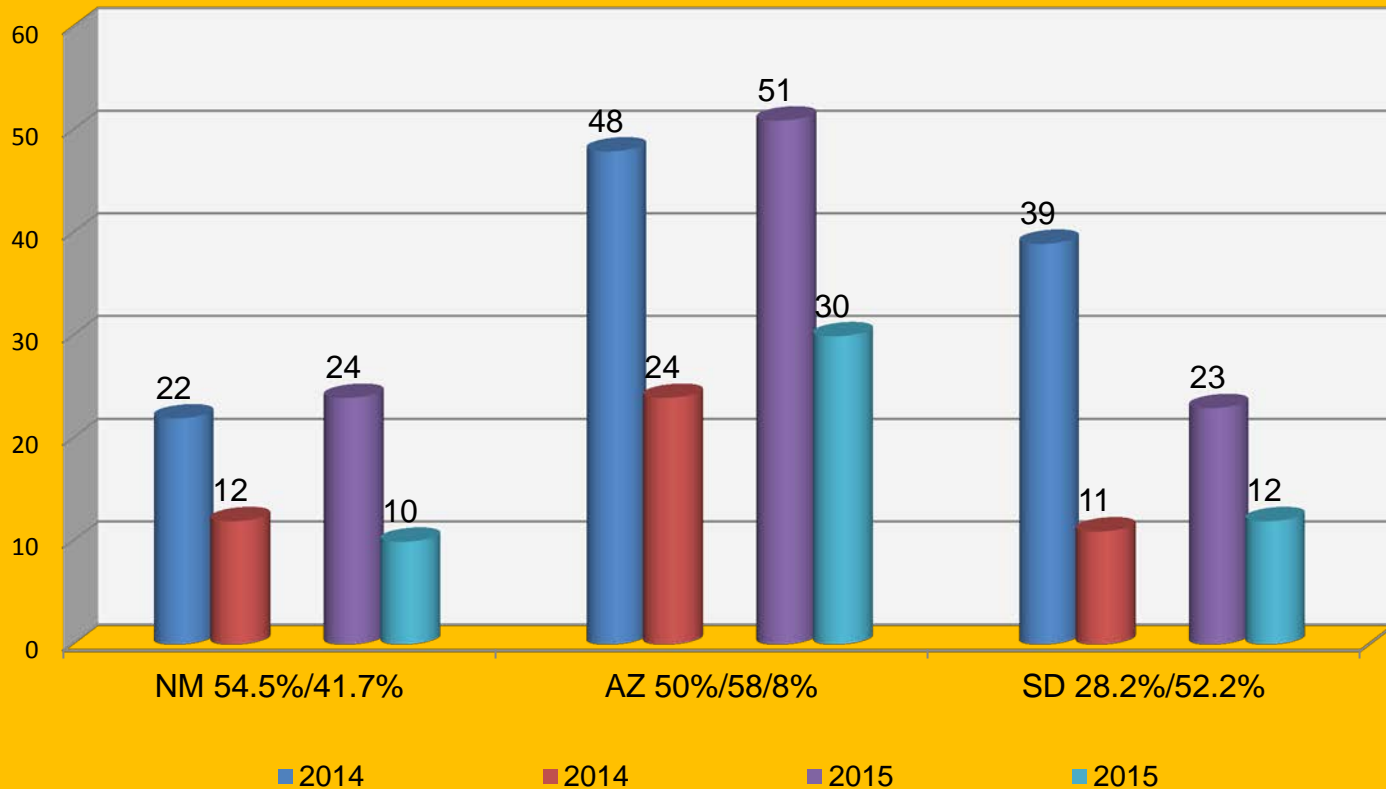
Districts with Juvenile Offender Populations

Districts with Juveniles on Supervision as of October 2015



Juvenile Offender Case Comparison

**Juvenile Cases Closed by Revocation
Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015**

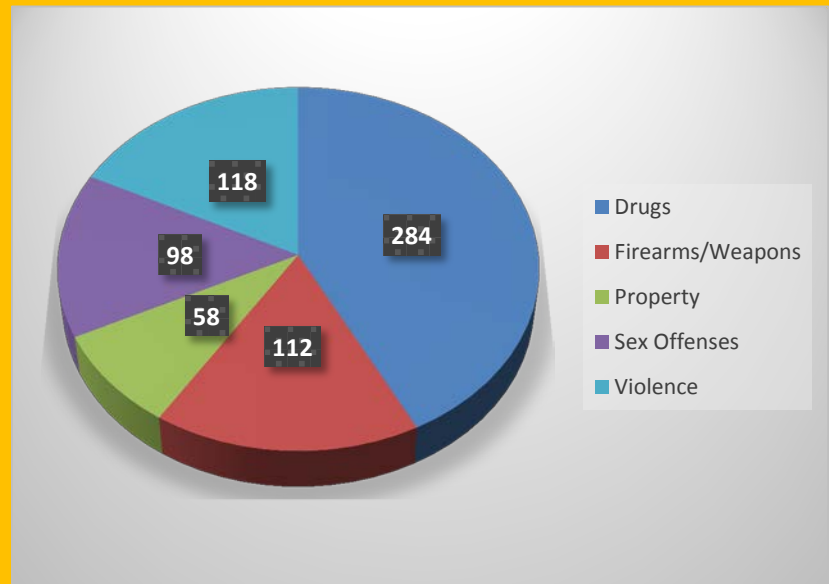


Treatment Resources Available to Juveniles

- Arizona
 - 1 inpatient program (Halfway House setting)
 - 1 outpatient program
- South Dakota
 - 2 residential programs
 - 1 inpatient substance abuse program
 - 1 inpatient program
- New Mexico
 - 1 inpatient program

Cases Supervised with Mental Health Conditions

- Sex Offenses
- Juvenile Offenders
- Cybercrime Offenders
- Gangs
- Violent Crimes
- Military
- Immigration
- Drug Offenses
- Misdemeanor



D/NM Mental illness Offender Populations

Mental Health Offenders

- Of 1610 active supervision cases, 600 have a court-imposed Mental Health Treatment condition
- Of these, 187 (32.5%) suffer with a mood or thought disorder (Axis I) such as:
 - Schizophrenia
 - Major Depressive Disorder
 - ADHD
 - Anxiety
 - Delusional Disorder
 - Bi Polar
 - PTSD
 - Impulse Control Explosive Disorder (Paranoid)

Unique Challenges for Mental Health, Juvenile, and Sex Offender Populations

- Cultural Differences
- Language Barriers
- Lack of Treatment Resources
- No Aftercare services for Sex Offenders and Juveniles
- Housing-Restrictive
- Inpatient Treatment for Sex Offenders and Mentally ill
- Medication (Continuum of Care)
- Financial Assistance

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