Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Oversight of Pretrial Services

Question (from York County):

The York County Department of Probation Services also over sees our Pretrial Services Program. For those Chiefs that have both:

- 1) How do you handle the sharing of information between Pretrial Officers and Probation Officers?
- 2) What information do you allow your supervised bail officers to provide to probation or outside agencies (other than the defendant, counsel for the defendant, issuing authority or judge setting bail, attorney for Commonwealth, pre-sentence investigation officers which allows disclosure through the Rules).

Blair County

In Blair we have both...

We do not allow sharing of information between the Pretrial Officer and the Probation Officers (unless, of course, there is a safety concern). If there is some type of violation occurring the Supervisor of PTS will notify the Line Supervisor that "something" is going on, but will not go in to detail what the violation is.

We do not share any information with outside agencies unless there is a signed release on file.

Snyder County

Our probation staff supervise both pre-trial and regular caseload. Therefore, we include pre-trial notes in the PSI. As for sharing of information, our office only provides such to agencies that we have a signed release for.

Somerset County

Ditto with Snyder Co