



Nuisance Night Hearing Referrals to CCNP RJ Program: December 2004 Update

A. Pilot Period (Oct03-Sep04) Compared to Previous Twelve Months (Oct 02-Sep03):

1. *Nuisance crime at same level.* The total number of targeted nuisance offenses in our service area has increased (4264 CAPRS citations this period vs. 4054 previous).
2. *Fewer people in court.* The number of RJ-eligible offenders appearing in court has dropped (167 this period vs. 214 previous), possibly due to the new public urination statute making such cases payable or to changes in policing/charging.
3. *Court referral rate constant.* The proportion of RJ-eligible offenders referred from court has remained constant at 60% (104/167 this period vs. 129/214 previous).
4. *Total volume of RJ cases unchanged.* When court referrals dropped, administrative citations made up the difference. (28/128 referrals this period vs. 0/129 previous).

B. Impact of Nuisance Night Hearing Program:

1. *Program now an important referral source.* Administrative citations comprised 21% of the total referrals this period (28/132).
2. *Citations in program more likely than court/payable citations to produce RJ referrals.* Of the 229 administrative citations issued, 12% ultimately resulted in referrals (28/229), whereas only 2% of the court cases and payable citations screened for RJ resulted in referrals (104/4264 est. this period).
3. *Offenders in program less likely than offenders in court to choose RJ when weighing options.* Offenders responding to Nuisance Night Hearing citations chose the RJ Program 30% of the time (28/93), whereas offenders appearing in court chose the RJ Program 62% of the time (104/167). Incentives could be examined to increase eligible offenders' participation rate. Note: offenders with payable cases did not have the RJ option (0/2825 est.).
4. *Positive impact on balance.* The Nuisance Night Hearing Program handles some offenses that would otherwise be payable through the Violations Bureau (e.g., public urination, consuming in public, litter, noise, drug paraphernalia). Given that payable violations in the First Precinct cannot be referred to the RJ Program except through the Nuisance Night Hearing Program, the Program provides the community with greater access to offenses prioritized for restorative justice.