

San Antonio Police Department

Cite and Release Program

1ST QUARTER REPORT

(JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026



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SAPD Class A/B Misdemeanor Cite & Release Program Report

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OVERVIEW

This report outlines the enforcement activity related to the SAPD enhanced Cite and Release program, which began on July 1, 2019. The period covered by this report is July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025. This program authorizes SAPD Officers to issue citations in lieu of custodial arrest in certain Class A or B misdemeanor offenses codified within Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 14.06 (c) and (d). The SAPD amended existing departmental policy and expanded officer discretion to support the enhanced cite and release opportunities. However, in consultation with the Bexar County District Attorney's Office, the Class A and B misdemeanor offense of Penal Code 28.08 Graffiti was excluded from the authority to cite and release. The offenses authorized for cite and release under the enhanced SAPD program are as follows:

1. Class B Possession of Marijuana (0-2 oz.)
2. Class A Possession of Marijuana (2-4 oz.)
3. Class B Possession of Substance in Penalty Group 2-A (0-2 oz.)
E.g. Synthetic cannabinoids
4. Class A Possession of Substance in Penalty Group 2-A (2-4 oz.)
E.g. Synthetic cannabinoids
5. Class B Criminal Mischief (\$100 or over and less than \$750)
E.g. damaged property, broken windows, flattened tires
6. Class B Theft from businesses (\$100 or over and less than \$750)
E.g. shoplifting, retail theft
7. Class B Theft of Service (\$100 or over and less than \$750)
E.g. non-payment of tab or check, rental fee
8. Class B Contraband in a Correctional Facility
E.g. alcohol, controlled substance, deadly weapon, tobacco products
9. Driving While License Invalid

To evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the enhanced Cite and Release Program and to provide the community with information on the program, the Department will produce a quarterly report providing information on the following:

1. Enforcement Activity
2. Race/Ethnicity
3. Age
4. Gender
5. Location
6. Offense Type
7. Arrest Reason
8. Officer Availability

This report will compare the results, on a quarterly basis, to the results of the third year of implementation of the program.

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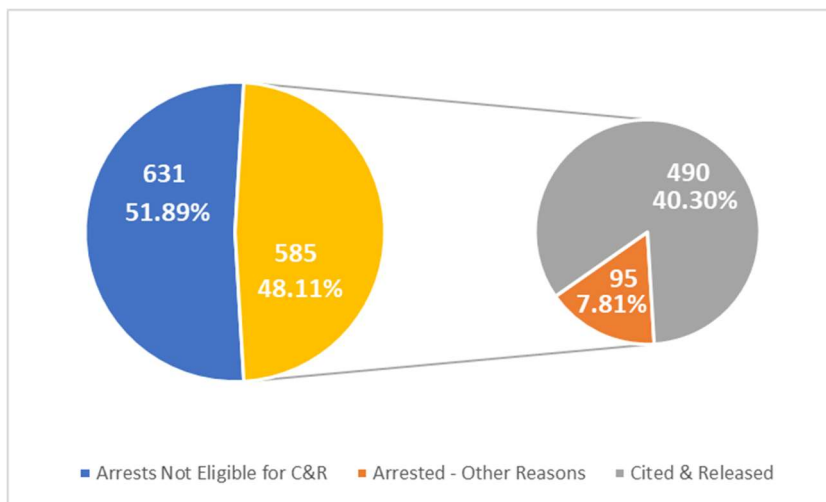
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SUMMARY

During the period of July through September 2025, the SAPD encountered 1,216 individuals for eligible offenses, via either custodial arrest or issuing a misdemeanor citation. Of the 1,216 individuals encountered, 631 individuals (51.89%) had outstanding warrants and/or multiple arrest charges, making them ineligible for citation and release. 490 (40.30%) encounters were eligible for citation and release.

The table below provides a breakdown of these police encounters by race/ethnicity.

Race/ Ethnicity	Total Encounters	Arrests (not C/R eligible)	Other Arrests	Released
Hispanic	824	439	62	323
White	161	73	16	72
African American	204	109	14	81
Other Race	27	10	3	14
Total	1,216	631	95	490
% of Total	100%	51.89%	7.81%	40.30%



Of the 585 individuals eligible for cite and release, 490 were released and 95 were arrested.

The table below provides detail on the 585 encounters which were eligible for cite and release, disaggregated by race and ethnicity. Release rates range from 85.26% for African Americans to 81.82% for White races.

Race/ Ethnicity	C/R Eligible Encounters	Individuals Arrested	Individuals Released	Release Rate, eligible encounters
Hispanic	385	62	323	83.90%
White	88	16	72	81.82%
African American	95	14	81	85.26%
Other Race	17	3	14	82.35%
Total	585	95	490	83.76%

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1. OFFENSE TYPE

Table 1.1 identifies the enforcement activity by type of offense during the current program quarter and compares the enforcement activity with the same quarter of the prior year. Class B Theft and Possession of 0-2 ounces of Marijuana make up a total of 86.84% of offenses. During Year 7, Q1, Possession of Marijuana 0-2 oz has a lower citation release rate of 39.63% compared to the release rate of 53.87% for Class B Theft.

Table 1.1 – Arrests by Offense type, current quarter compared to same quarter prior year

Offense Type	Year 6, Q1 Jul to Sep 2024				Year 7 Q1 Jul to Sep 2025			
	Arrest	Release	Total	Rel. %	Arrest	Release	Total	Rel. %
Contraband in Correctional Facility	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal Mischief \$100 to <\$750	75	3	78	3.85%	70	6	76	7.89%
Driving While License Invalid	12	2	14	14.29%	22	1	23	4.35%
Class B Theft \$100 to <\$750	138	169	307	55.05%	167	195	362	53.87%
Class B Theft of Service \$100 to <\$750	1	1	2	50.00%	2	4	6	66.67%
Poss. Marijuana 0 to 2oz	400	224	624	35.90%	419	275	694	39.63%
Poss. Marijuana 2 to 4oz	13	1	14	7.14%	21	6	27	22.22%
Poss. Sch. 2A Ctrld Subst. < 2oz	23	1	24	4.17%	25	3	28	10.71%
Poss. Sch. 2A Ctrld Subst. 2 to < 4oz	1	1	2	50.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Total	663	402	1,065	37.75%	726	490	1,216	40.30%

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2. ARREST REASON

The reason officers effect a custodial arrest can vary widely and current SAPD policy identifies certain circumstances where a custodial arrest is required. Table 2.1 identifies the reason for officers effecting a custodial arrest. During Year 7, Q1, 631 (86.91%) of 726 custodial arrests were made in instances when the arrestee had outstanding warrants or multiple charges, rendering them ineligible for citation and release because an arrest is mandatory in these cases.

Table. 2.1 – Reason for Custodial Arrest, current quarter compared to same quarter prior year

Arrest Reason	Year 6, Q1 <i>Jul to Sep 2024</i>		Year 7 Q1 <i>Jul to Sep 2025</i>	
	Total	%	Total	%
Multiple Charges	401	60.48%	388	53.44%
Warrants	188	28.36%	243	33.47%
<i>Mandatory arrests - not eligible for C/R</i>	589	88.84%	631	86.91%
Victim Custodial Arrest Demand / Expected	47	7.09%	53	7.30%
Medical / Self Harm	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Uncooperative Suspect	6	0.90%	3	0.41%
Unspecified	1	0.15%	2	0.28%
Insufficient ID	3	0.45%	28	3.86%
Suspect of Other Criminal Behavior	9	1.36%	2	0.28%
Not Bexar County Resident	8	1.21%	7	0.96%
Total	663	100%	726	100%

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3. OFFICER AVAILABILITY

Cite and release saves officer time because issuing a citation takes less time than completing an arrest. Table 3.1 shows officer time saved according to the average amount of time an officer spends on an arrest for a particular offense. During Year 7, Q1, the officer time saved by issuing citations was 902.03 hours. The full-time equivalent (FTE) for an officer's time is estimated at 410 hrs per quarter, so the citations issued in Year 7, Q1 resulted in a time saving of 2.20 FTEs.

Table 3.1 – Reduced Officer Time On Call, current quarter compared to same quarter prior year

Offense Type	Avg. minutes for arrest	Year 6, Q1 <i>Jul to Sep 2024</i>		Year 7, Q1 <i>Jul to Sep 2025</i>	
		Releases	Hrs saved	Releases	Hrs saved
Contraband In Correctional Facility	N/A	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief \$100 to <\$750	0	11	0	6	0
Driving While License Invalid	70	2	2.33	1	1.17
Class B Theft \$100 to <\$750	117	220	429.00	195	380.25
Class B Theft of Service \$100 to <\$750	14	2	0.47	4	0.93
Poss. Marijuana 0 to 2oz	112	237	442.40	275	513.33
Poss. Marijuana 2 to 4oz	32	1	0.53	6	3.2
Poss. Sch. 2A Ctrld Subst. < 2oz	63	2	2.10	3	3.15
Poss. Sch. 2A Ctrld Subst. 2 to < 4oz	0	1	0	0	0
Total		476	876.83	490	902.03
Officer FTE (hrs)	410		2.14 FTE		2.20 FTE

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APPENDIX

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CITATION BOOK

SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT CITE AND RELEASE CITATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) **ELIGIBLE OFFENSES:** ARE LISTED IN GENERAL MANUAL PROCEDURE 505.06.B.
 - a) An Officer who determines probable cause has been established for any of the eligible offenses can issue a citation if the offender does not have any of the restrictions listed in General Manual Procedure 505.05.A or .06.A.
- 2) **Report Responsibility:** When officers issue a Cite and Release Citation in lieu of custodial arrest, the officers shall:
 - a) Create an offense report;
 - b) Document the citation number in the report;
 - c) Submit the report for approval;
 - d) The report shall be submitted to the DA's Office per General Manual Procedure 505.03.B.
- 3) **The original citation** is submitted in an envelope through bin mail to: *DA's Office, Intake Division, Attn: Cite and Release.*
- 4) **Date of Appearance** should be set 10 days from the date the citation is issued.
- 5) **Return** empty ticket books to Records Unit for destruction.

IF FOUND PLEASE RETURN

SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT CITE AND RELEASE CITATION

No. CR 0003175

ROUTING OF REPORT

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

DATE ISSUED		TIME ISSUED	DAY OF WEEK
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	
(PRINT) LAST NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE

RESIDENCE ADDRESS

CITY	ZIP CODE	PHONE
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (OR SCHOOL ATTENDED)

CITY	ZIP CODE	BUSINESS PHONE
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RACE	SEX	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DATE OF BIRTH
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DRIVER'S LICENSE	STATE	NUMBER	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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OTHER ID OR EMAIL ADDRESS:

**VIOLATION
CHARGED**

BASED UPON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, A COMPLAINT
WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR THE VIOLATION INDICATED BELOW

OFFENSE(S) NOT COMMITTED IN MY PRESENCE
☐ CERTIFIED ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

PLACE OF OFFENSE

BADGE NO.	DISTRICT OF ARREST	ASSIGNMENT NO.
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SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

By signing below, I agree: 1) to report to the Bexar County District Attorney's Office at the ReEntry Center at 222 S. Comal for further instructions. I will report no sooner than the date written below and no later than 30 days after that date; and 2) to be contacted at the phone number or email address provided for purposes related to this citation, including notification of reporting.

DATE OF APPEARANCE: / / (Date should be 10 days from issue)

SIGNATURE:

THIS IS NOT AN ADMISSION OF GUILT
SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INSTRUCTIONS