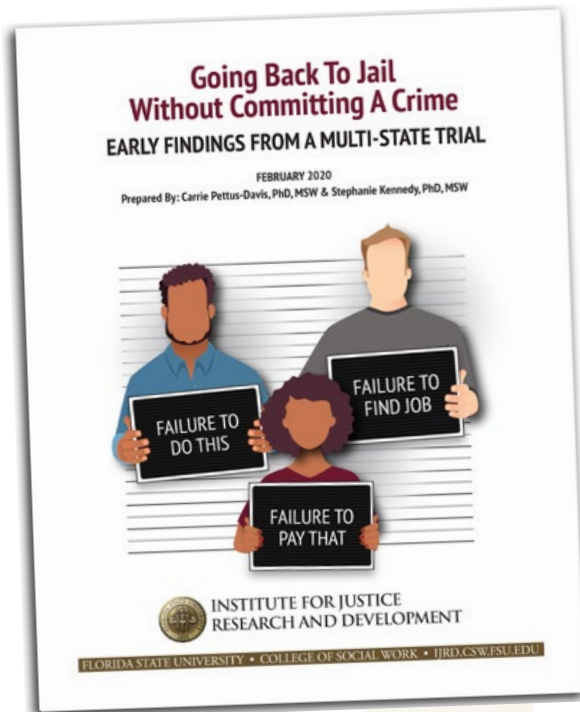


## KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM QR 6

# GOING BACK TO JAIL WITHOUT COMMITTING A CRIME



Although the general public often thinks about recidivism as individuals leaving incarceration and committing new crimes, technical violations contribute to the strikingly high rates of recidivism reported for individuals released from prisons and jails across the United States. In the **sixth quarterly report**, we demonstrate the complexity of the recidivism construct by examining the circumstances of re-arrest for 5-Key Model study participants who had not engaged in a crime.

- Research suggests that 45% of the more than 600,000 annual state prison admissions across the nation are due to probation or parole revocations.
- While probation or parole can be revoked for committing new crimes, 26% of new prison admissions are due solely to technical violations. Unpaid fines and fees also contribute to technical violations and may lead individuals back to incarceration.

- Our goal was to explore the circumstance of re-arrest among our study participants. At this early point in the study, data are incomplete or unavailable.
- This report examines the reasons for re-arrest provided by study participants as these data were the most complete. They describe a range of technical violations for expected events – missing check-ins with supervising officers and violating curfew – and unexpected events – being arrested, having one’s charges dropped, and returning to jail for coming into contact with law enforcement. Though not the focus of this report, other common technical violations were related to substance use, carrying guns, and re-engagement in crime. We will have more complete data on these rates in the future.
- The 35 individuals highlighted in this report were re-arrested for non-drug related, non-criminal technical violations.
- We ask stakeholders to consider whether current policy and practices are meeting the stated purpose and goals of conditional release. Are the non-criminal behaviors described in this report reason enough to send someone to jail? Is it worth the financial costs and associated social costs?



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