

Gender and the Financialization of the Criminal Justice System

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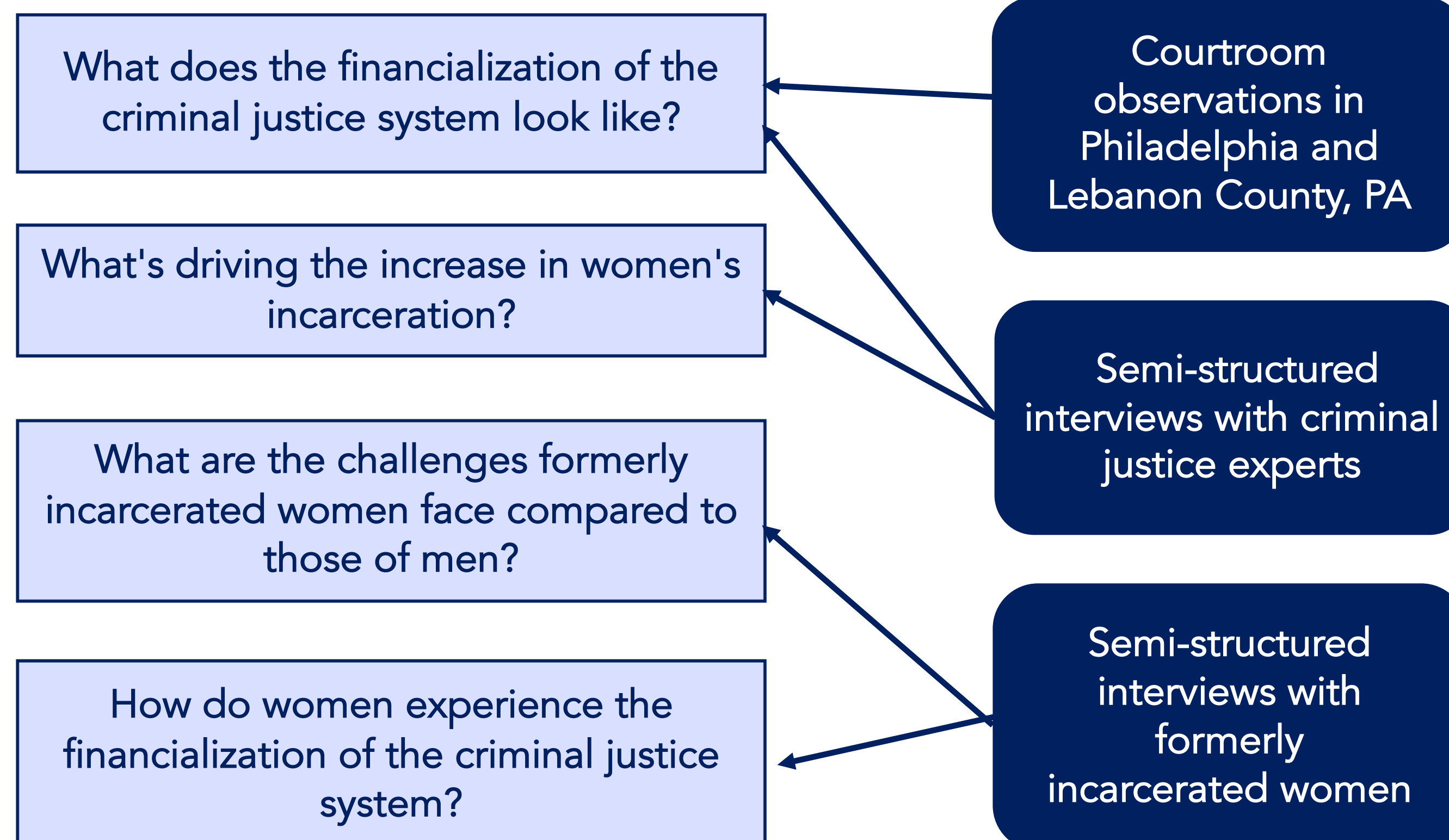
Background

Despite being the fastest growing incarcerated population, women remain an understudied aspect of the the criminal justice system.

- **Low-income** and **African-American** women are overrepresented
- Incarcerated women are more likely than men to:
 - Live in **poverty** before incarceration
 - Suffer from **mental health conditions** and **trauma**
 - Experience **unemployment** and **homelessness** post-incarceration
- Financialization of the criminal justice system, 1980s-now
 - **Increase in fines, costs, and fees**
 - **Privatization** of prison functions
 - Burden **low-income defendants**

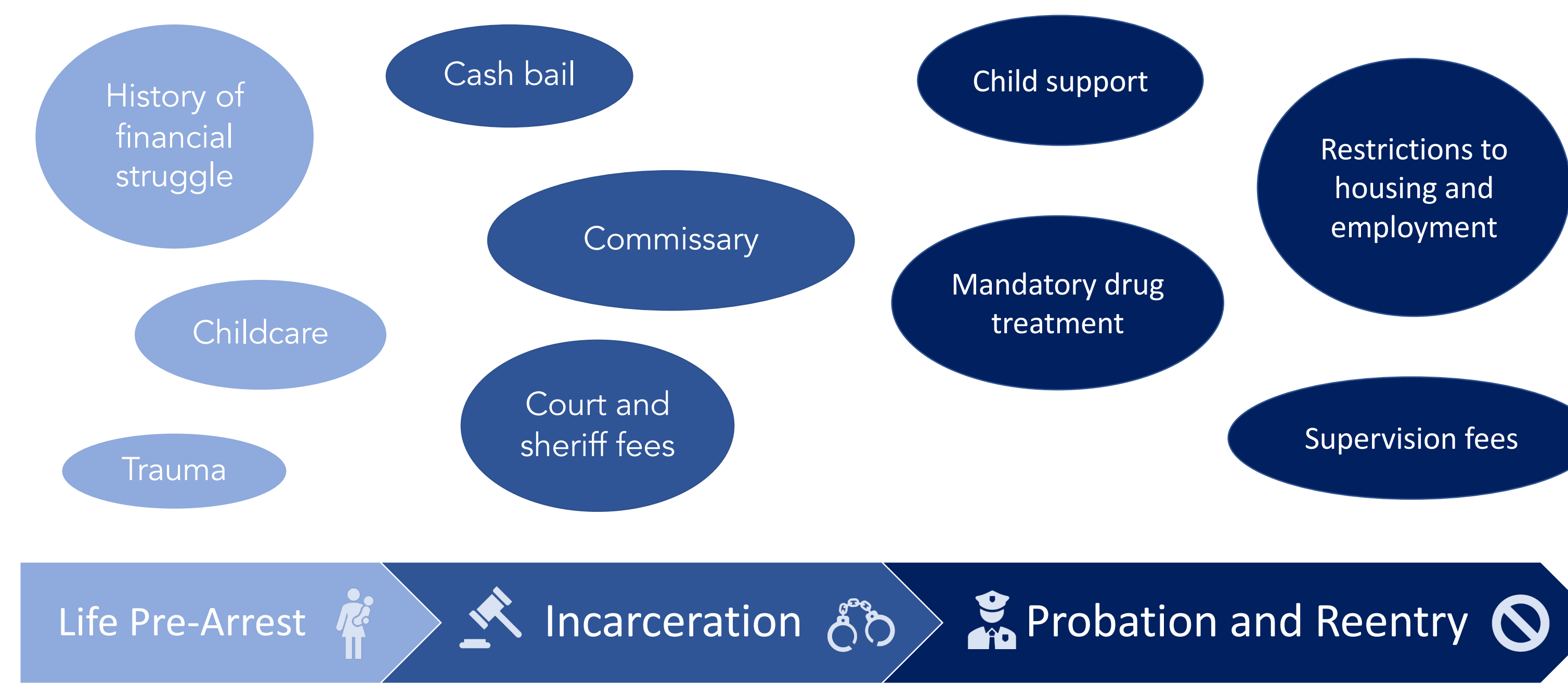
Research Questions

Methods



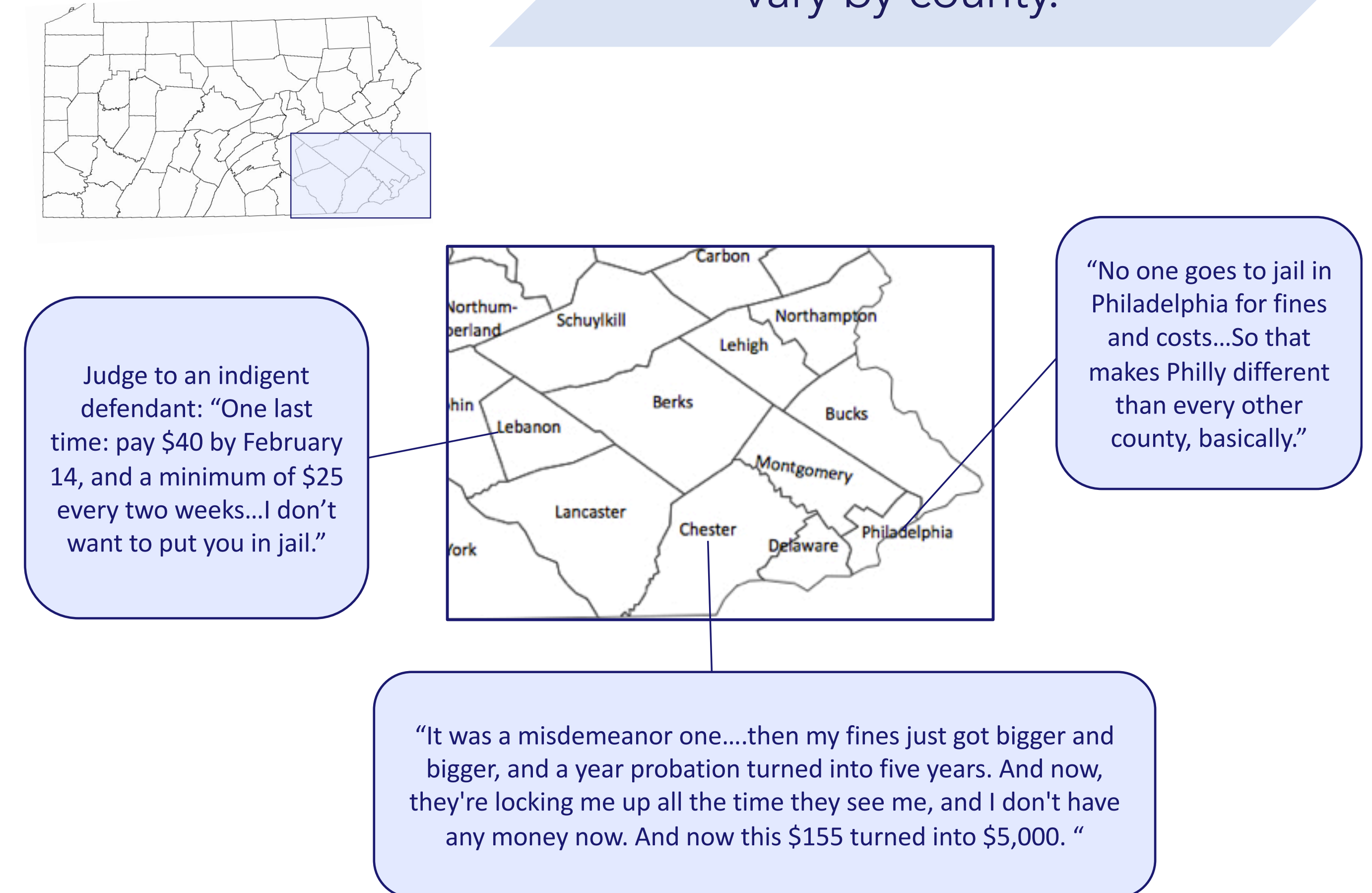
Findings

Cost points in the criminal justice process



"...bills [were] never on time...I had to get extensions or get help."
 "So I never had money to bail myself out. I've never had support on the outside to get bailed out."
 "Where when men get locked up and they come home, they got all these reentry programs for men, but very few for women."

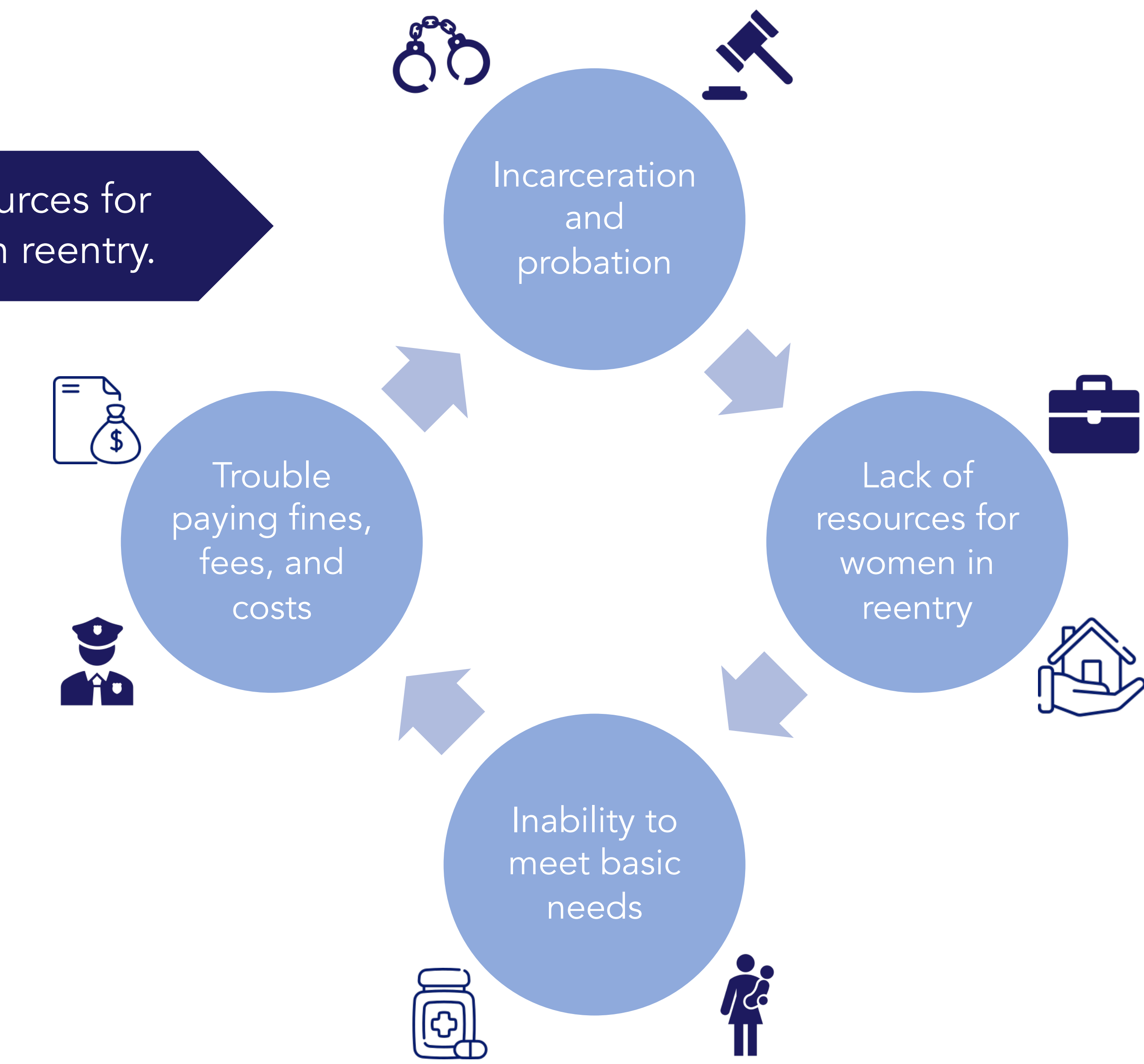
Penalties for nonpayment vary by county.



There are less resources for women than men in reentry.

Formerly incarcerated people in Pennsylvania owe thousands in fines, fees, and costs.

Itemized Account of Fines, Costs, Fees and Restitution		
Assessments to be paid by	Docket No.	Assessment Balance
Costs/Fees		
Clerk of Courts Administrative Fee (Chester)	COMM - CITY/COO	\$6.00
ATJ	COMM - ATJ	\$4.00
DAKACARE/General Fund	COMM - KACARE	\$10.00
Victim Witness Service (Act 111 of 1998)	COMM - VWS	\$25.00
Commonwealth Cost - HB827 (Act 187 of 1992)	COMM - CST1	\$10.35
Constable Fee (Chester)	CTY - 15	\$200.22
Substance Abuse Education (Act 198 of 2002)	COMM - SAE	\$150.00
Clerks Cost (Chester)	CTY - 15	\$70.00
State Court Costs (Act 204 of 1978)	COMM - COBT	\$12.25
JDPE	COMM - JCPIS	\$21.25
Commonwealth Cost - HB827 (Act 187 of 1992)	COMM - CST1	\$8.55
County Court Cost (Act 204 of 1978)	COMM - JCPIS	\$33.85
Emergency Medical Services (Act 45 of 1985)	COMM - EMS	\$10.00
PA Transportation Trust Surcharge	COMM - PA TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND	\$300.00
Clerks Cost (Chester)	CTY - 15	\$10.00
Emergency Medical Services (Act 45 of 1985)	COMM - EMS	\$10.00
See Bond (Chester)	CTY - 15	\$25.00
Prison Education and Training Fund	COMM - FETA	\$0.00
Judicial Computer Project	COMM - JCP	\$8.00
Clerk of Courts LDD Automation Fee (Chester)	CHESTER CTY - LDD AUTOMATION FEE	\$0.00
State Court Costs (Act 204 of 1978)	COMM - COBT	\$8.55
County Court Cost (Act 204 of 1978)	CTY	\$21.60
Substance Abuse Education (Act 198 of 2002)	COMM - CETA	\$150.00
Constable Education Training Act	COMM - CETA	\$8.00
Crima Victim Compensation (Act 95 of 1984)	COMM - CIVC	\$50.00
CJES	COMM - CJES	\$2.25
Fines		
Title 75, Motor Vehicle (Motor License Fund)	MC	\$500.00
Title 75, DUI (Motor License Fund)	MC	\$1,250.00
Title 75, DUI (Motor License Fund)	CTY - MLF	\$1,250.00
Title 75, Motor Vehicle (Motor License Fund)	COMM - MLF	\$3,600.00
		\$4,781.72



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