

## Excuses

### Complaints about having to pay for Indigent Defense

- All we hear is that public defenders need more money, but so does everybody.
- Why do we need an attorney, let alone a good one, if we know they're guilty?
- We (County Commission, City Council) don't look good spending local dollars on something people don't like (defense of murderers, pedophiles, etc.).
- No one other than Public Defenders complain about indigent defense.
- People complain about potholes, so if we fund potholes we get reelected.
- We have been paying for this just fine for how long?
- Why is this our responsibility shouldn't the (feds, county, city, state) pay for it?

### Complaints about Indigent Defense Grants

- The legislature is giving us another unfunded mandate.
- State funding will dry up.
- Salt Lake County's model is not the only way/won't work for us -- don't need a Cadillac only need a Buick/"adequate" defense system
- Unreliability of state funding.
- There are too many strings attached.
- We don't want/need state oversight of how we do things.
- Why would we change our system after all these years of no one noticing or caring what we were doing.
- We could get sued for not doing the state's job?
- Why does county X get so much funding when we only get Y?

### Complaints about Indigent Defense data requests

- I have been using paper files all my career and now you want me to do more work and spend time on a computer so you can know about my cases.
- Your requests for data and information violate my attorney duties under Rule 1.6 [[https://www.utcourts.gov/resources/rules/ucja/view.html?title=Rule%201.6.%20Confidentiality%20of%20information.&rule=ch13/1\\_6.htm](https://www.utcourts.gov/resources/rules/ucja/view.html?title=Rule%201.6.%20Confidentiality%20of%20information.&rule=ch13/1_6.htm) Rule on confidentiality of attorney client representation]
- It will be too much more work to collect data when I already have a huge caseload
- We can't collect data because we are too busy.
- The courts should collect this data.
- Why is data important