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ST. LOUIS COUNTY ATTORNEY
ADULT PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM BIENNIAL REPORT
2009-2010

Purpose of Report:

This report is made pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 401.065, Subd. 4, which mandates that every county attorney who establishes a diversion program shall report to the state court administrator and the legislature on the operation of its diversion program.

Description of Pretrial Diversion Program:

The St. Louis County Adult Diversion Program provides an alternative to criminal prosecution resulting in conviction. The goals of this program are to develop a responsible alternative to criminal prosecution and conviction for eligible offenders, to minimize recidivism amount diverted offenders, and to promote the collection of restitution to the victim of the offender's crime. An offender is a person charged with a felony, gross misdemeanor, or misdemeanor crime, who has not yet entered a plea in proceedings; has not been previously convicted as an adult in Minnesota or any other state; has not previously been charged with a crime as an adult in Minnesota and then had charges dismissed as part of a diversion program. The decision of a prosecutor to refer an offender to a diversion program on the condition that criminal charges against the offender will be dismissed after a specified period of time if the offender successfully completes the program. An offender is considered for this program only after input has been obtained from victim(s) and law enforcement agency(ies). When the County Attorney determines an offender is eligible for diversion, the offender is referred to Arrowhead Regional Corrections by the prosecutor. When informed by Arrowhead Regional Corrections that the referral has been accepted, the prosecutor files an order with the court to remove the matter from the trial calendar.

Number of Offenders Participating in the Program:

There were 13 people in 2009 and 24 in 2010 who applied to participate in the Diversion in program. Four that applied for diversion in 2010 are still enrolled.

Number and Characteristic of Offenders Who Have Successfully Completed the Diversion Program:

Gender 2009

8 male offenders
1 female offender

Gender 2010

12 male offenders
5 female offenders

Offense - 2009

7 Theft related
1 Forgery/Fraud
1 Criminal Damage to Property

Offense - 2010

11 Theft related
3 Forgery/Fraud
2 Criminal Damage to Property
1 Receiving Stolen Property

Number and Characteristics of Offenders Who Failed to Complete the Diversion Program:

Gender 2009

2 male offenders
2 female offender

Gender 2010

4 male offenders
0 female offenders

Offense - 2009

2 Forgery/Fraud
1 Receiving Stolen Property
1 Criminal Damage to Property

Offense - 2010

1 Theft related
1 Forgery/Fraud
1 Criminal Damage to Property

Evaluation of the Effect of the Diversion Program on the Operation of the St. Louis County Criminal Justice System.

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