THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT
PRE-TRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM

PTI

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WHAT IS PRE-TRIAL INTERVENTION?

Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI) is a diversion program for first-time criminal offenders. The program allows the participant to perform community service work, receive educational or counseling services, pay restitution to victims, and return to society without a permanent criminal record. Only participants who do not present a threat to society and who have no significant prior criminal history are allowed this "second chance."

PTI is a self-supporting agency under the supervision of the Circuit Solicitor's Office. It is supported through the cooperation of judicial, law enforcement, and community service agencies.

HOW DO I APPLY TO PTI?

If you have been charged with a non-violent crime and you do not have any prior arrests or convictions on your record, you may be eligible for Pre-Trial Intervention.

Applications are accepted in person between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis.

You must bring the following items in order for your application to be processed:

- **A Money Order for $100.00 (Cash, personal checks or credit cards are not accepted.)**
- **Copy of your warrant or ticket**
- **Picture Identification (driver's license, state ID, school ID, etc.)**
- **Social Security Card**

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM?

PTI participants are expected to complete community service work at a non-profit agency (the number of hours are determined by the number and type of criminal charges), to attend school or be employed at a lawful occupation, to pay restitution, if any, to the victim(s) and to participate in any educational or counseling services deemed appropriate by the PTI counselor.

Any further criminal arrests or any failure to complete program requirements will result in termination of the participant from the program. Failure to successfully complete the program results in the defendant returning to court for prosecution of the charge(s).

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE IN PTI?

The application fee for the program is $100. Each applicant must pay a $250 program fee at the time of acceptance into the program. These fees help defray the cost of the program.

There may be additional costs for drug screens, restitution, education programs or counseling services. The PTI counselor will inform each participant of the fees.

MESSAGE FROM THE SOLICITOR

The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office firmly believes that those who commit crimes must be held accountable for their actions. The Pickens Pre-Trial Intervention Program is one of the many ways in which this goal is accomplished.

This program for first-time offenders requires strict adherence by defendants to challenging and rigorous requirements which may include community service work, drug and alcohol screening and treatment, individual or group counseling, prison tours, and restitution to victims.

The Pre-Trial Intervention Program protects the rights of victims and the integrity of the judicial process. This program allows participants to take responsibility for their actions and receive needed social services, as well as educational and vocation assistance. It is my hope and belief that this program will have a positive impact on the administration of justice in Pickens County.

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