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Graduation Packet

Participant name:		Date packet issued:
Address:		Date packet returned:
		Exit interview date:
Phone:		Exit interview time:
Case number(s):		

As a prospective DUI Court graduate, you are required complete this packet and turn it in at least **one full week** prior to your exit interview date. At your exit interview, the DUI Court Team will ask you questions about your responses, your experiences in DUI Court, and your overall plans for continued sobriety and compliance with the law.

This pre-graduation questionnaire is an important part of the graduation process. Please answer all questions as completely and as thoroughly as possible. Your responses to this questionnaire will assist the DUI Court Team in making a fair determination of your readiness to graduate from the DUI Court program.

At your exit interview, you will have the opportunity to address the Team regarding your graduation status. Your interaction with the Team, your responses to the questionnaire, and your punctuality to and personal appearance at the exit interview will all be considered in determining whether to approve your graduation request.

Put your best foot forward! Before you turn in this application, make sure you have met or, by the date of your exit interview, will have met the following requirements:

- All DUI Court participant fees are paid in full.
- One-half of the total amount of your fines and surcharges have been paid.
- Restitution and surcharges are paid in full.
- All required community service is completed.
- You are employed or are a full-time student.

By the time you graduate, you should have maintained sobriety for at least 60 days. If you haven't—but you managed to drink or use drugs without being detected—you have been cheating no one but yourself.

Questionnaire

Instructions: Answer all of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Use 8 ½ by 11” paper (notebook paper or white printer paper is fine). Either write in pen or type your answers. If you choose to write the answers by hand, you **must** write legibly. If we can’t read some of your answers, the questionnaire will be returned to you to do over, and your graduation date (and, therefore, your graduation will be pushed back. Thoroughness counts. It is in your best interest to answer these questions in as much detail as possible.

1. How long have you been clean/sober?
2. How do you feel about the community support group meeting requirements of the program? Were these requirements helpful to you? If so, how, and if not, why not?
3. Who is in your support system? Describe how these people have helped you through the program and how they will continue to help you after you have graduated.
4. Describe your life (relationships, activities, work, etc.) prior to entering the DUI Court program.
5. Describe how your life is different (or not different) now that you are about to graduate from the program.
6. What have you learned in this program? What new skills have you put into practice?
7. What do you like most about the DUI Court program?
8. What do you like least about the DUI Court program?
9. How did you feel about the treatment side of the program? What did you think of your counselor(s), the size of your groups, the number of group sessions per week, the length of the group sessions, etc.?
10. How did you feel about the individual and friend/family sessions? Were there too many or not enough? Were these beneficial to you? To your family?
11. How did you feel about the court side of the program? Did you feel the sanctions you received were fair or unfair? Were sanctions, in general, imposed too frequently or not often enough? Are sanctions effective or ineffective? Why? What about incentives?
12. How do you feel about the phase requirements? Were they manageable? Beneficial to you?
13. What did you get out of each part of the program? (Discuss treatment, court, support group meetings, supervision, community service, and DUI School.)
14. If you could speak to the “you” of a year ago, would you tell yourself to enter this program? If so, why, and if not, why not?
15. Would you encourage others to enter this program? If so, why, and if not, why not? What do you think you can do to help others through this program and the recovery process in general?
16. What does “recovery” mean to you and how does it apply to your life?
17. Describe, in detail, the following:
 - a. One of your 90-day goals (90 days from graduation)
 - b. One of your 6-month goals (6 months from graduation)
 - c. One of your 1-year goals (1 year from graduation)
 - d. One of your 5-year goals (5 years from graduation)

- e. Do you have any “life goals”? If so, what are they, and how will you attain them?
18. Do you intend to stay alcohol/drug free? Why? How? Or if not, why not?
 19. Do you intend to remain crime free? Why? How?
 20. Describe how your recovery has affected your relationships with others (include your spouse or significant other, children, parents, siblings, close friends, and co-workers).
 21. How will you handle stressful situations in the future?
 22. Do you intend to participate in DUI Court alumni groups? If so, why, and if not, why not?

When you have *thoroughly* answered all of these questions, please return this entire packet and your responses to either Stacey Bass (Court Coordinator) or Kayla Porter (Probation Officer). Remember, we must receive this packet and your responses at least one full week prior to your graduation date.