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Drug Court Graduation: Another Success in Alternatives to Incarceration Programs



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced the successful completion of Drug Court by 42 participants today. Drug Court provides non-violent substance abusers the opportunity to combat their addiction through court-supervised treatment and working with community resources in order to improve the odds for recovery.

In this session, 42 participants were enrolled in the program that lasted several months. Of this session's participants, 22 were there due to a DWI conviction. Of the remaining 20 participants, their crimes were non-violent felonies and ranged from Narcotics and Prescription drug possession, Larceny, Burglary in the 3rd Degree, and Criminal Mischief. In addition, 2 of the participants were Veterans.

Upon successful completion of Drug Court, participants are allowed to withdraw their felony conviction and instead receive a misdemeanor as well as a certificate highlighting their achievements.

“As an alternative to incarceration program, Drug Court gives non-violent offenders the opportunity to confront their substance abuse by holding them accountable for their actions, while also give them the tools and resources to overcome their addiction. Through this program, participants have realized their ability to overcome their substance abuse and become productive members of society, which in turn uplifts the overall quality of life for those in Albany County,” commented DA Soares.

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