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C.A.R.E. Diversionary Court Participant Assessment & Acceptance Process

OFFENDER is charged with a crime in Davidson County and is Age 18-30.

ELIGIBLE OFFENSES
The following offenses are eligible, but not exhaustive, and shall be considered for entry in the **C.A.R.E. Diversionary Court**:

- Criminal Trespass
- Possession or Casual Exchange of a Controlled Substance
- Reckless Driving
- Resisting Arrest
- Theft of Property
- Unlawful Use of Drug Paraphernalia
- Vandalism

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Participants should meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for entry in the **C.A.R.E. Diversionary Court**:

- Participant has an eligible offense.
- Participant is a non-violent offender and non-sex crime offender.
- Participant is not a serious risk to the community

REFERRALS
Offenders that meet eligibility criteria must be referred to the **C.A.R.E. Diversionary Court** with a completed Referral Application signed by the Offender, the Assistant District Attorney and the Criminal Defense Attorney.

REFERRAL APPLICATION
Referral applications are to be turned in to the C.A.R.E. Team by dropping it off in the G.S. Probation Department **OR** Contacting the C.A.R.E. Social Work Coordinator, 615-862-8117 ext.1 **OR** emailed to gs8CARE@jjs.nashville.org.

OFFENDER INELIGIBLE
Offender may be ineligible based on offense or other criteria.

PARTICIPANT ASSESSMENT
Offender is interviewed and administered a Risk/Needs Assessment (C-CAT) by a C.A.R.E. Probation Officer or the C.A.R.E. Social Work Coordinator.

OFFENDER opts out/ JUDGE does not accept case/s.

OFFENDER'S cases are set back on the originating G.S. Judges Docket.

JUDICIAL REVIEW FOR ACCEPTANCE & TRANSFER TO C.A.R.E.
The Referral Application, C-CAT Assessment and the Participant Agreement along with the Plea Petition is submitted to Judge Bell to review. If accepted Judge Bell will prepare a **C.A.R.E. Transfer Order of Acceptance** that will be signed by the Assistant District Attorney and the Criminal Defense Attorney. The **C.A.R.E. Transfer Order of Acceptance** will then be submitted to the G.S. Originating Judge. The case is then transferred and set on Judge Rachel L. Bell's next G.S. Division VIII (8) docket.

PARTICIPANT OPTS IN and reviews the Participant Manual and signs the Participant Agreement.



ACCEPTANCE
Offender is accepted into the **C.A.R.E. DIVERSIONARY COURT** and will be set on the next **C.A.R.E. COURT DIVERSIONARY COURT DOCKET** to start the program.