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Criminal Diversion Policy
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Pursuant to K.S.A. 22-2906 et seq. the Crawford County Attorney in the Eleventh Judicial District of Kansas has established a Diversion Program. Diversion is a privilege and not a right. There is no presumption in favor of diversion in any case, and the burden of persuasion falls upon the defendant to establish that a Diversion Program will serve the ends of justice and the interests of the community.

ELIGIBILITY:

All defendants charged in a single case with nonperson or person crimes, severity level 1, 2, 3 and 4 crimes, weapons violations, sex offenses and/or sexually motivated crimes, any offense involving a death, are not eligible for diversion. All other crimes, if the defendant does not have a prior felony conviction(s) and has never previously been placed on diversion, deferred prosecution, pretrial probation or deferred judgment for a criminal offense in this or any jurisdiction *may be* eligible for diversion.

All defendants charged with a person crime, except as excluded above, may be eligible to apply for diversion on a case by case basis. All defendants charged with an anticipatory crime under Article 33 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, where the underlying crime is an offense that is not a divertable offense as described above, are ineligible for diversion. First time offenders charged with DUI or defendants charged with certain traffic infractions may be eligible for diversion under separate diversion programs administered by the County Attorney.

PROCEDURE:

The application shall be available in the Diversion Office. The defendant shall complete the application for diversion and submit the application with a **\$115.00** application fee for misdemeanors and **\$150.00** for felonies. This non-refundable fee **must** be in the form of a cashier's check, money order, or attorney's trust account check payable to "County Attorney's Office".

The application for Diversion **must** be filed prior to first Preliminary Hearing date if the case is a felony, or within thirty (30) days of arraignment if the case is a misdemeanor. **Applications not so filed will not be considered unless agreed to by the County Attorney. A request for a waiver of this requirement may be made if accompanied by a \$25.00 waiver fee.**

CONSIDERATIONS:

The following factors shall be considered in determining whether diversion of the defendant is in the best interest of justice and will be of benefit to the defendant and the community:

- Nature of the crime charged and the surrounding circumstances.
- Any special characteristics or circumstances of the defendant.

- Previous criminal conduct, whether or not such conduct resulted in a formal charge or conviction of the defendant.
- The probability that the defendant will cooperate with and benefit from diversion.
- The appropriateness of Diversion to meet the needs of the defendant and the community.
- Provisions for restitution.
- Recommendations of the law enforcement agency involved and the victim.
- Recommendations of the assessment evaluator.
- Any mitigating or aggravating circumstances.
- Whether the defendant admits the offense and accepts responsibility.

DETERMINATION:

The County Attorney's Office will review the defendant's suitability for diversion. The County Attorney reserves the right to accept or reject any application based on the above considerations. Once a defendant is denied diversion, an application will not be reconsidered unless material circumstances have arisen which were not initially brought to the attention of the the County Attorney.

AGREEMENT:

If the defendant is found suitable for the Diversion Program, a written Agreement for Pretrial Diversion shall be offered to the defendant for acceptance or rejection. If no action is taken within fourteen (14) days after the mailing of the offer to enter into a written agreement to the defendant or counsel for the defendant, the offer will be considered to be withdrawn. If the offer is accepted by the defendant, all parties shall sign the written Agreement for Pretrial Diversion with the approval of the Court.

This Agreement may contain:

- A waiver of all rights to a speedy trial, all rights to a jury trial and a stipulation as to the facts of the case.
- A specified term of Diversion.
- An agreement that the defendant shall not violate any laws of the United States or any State, or ordinances of any City, or resolutions of any County.
- An agreement that the defendant shall report to the Diversion Program Coordinator or to any other person at the time he or she may be ordered to do so by the Court, or anyone so designated by the Court.
- Payment of all court costs, *minimum* Diversion fee of \$150.00 for misdemeanors and \$250.00 for felonies (depending on facts of case), and fines within a specified period.
- Any special conditions agreed to by the parties which may include any of the following:
 1. Full restitution to the victim.
 2. Residence in a specified facility.
 3. Maintenance of gainful employment.
 4. Participation in any recommended program.
 5. Counseling.
 6. Other conditions as determined by the County Attorney.

EFFECT:

Upon the defendant entering into an Agreement for Pretrial Diversion, the criminal proceeding shall be suspended by appropriate order of the Court. When the defendant successfully fulfills the terms and conditions of Diversion, the County Attorney shall move to have the criminal charges dismissed with prejudice. If the defendant fails to fulfill the terms and conditions of the Agreement for Pretrial Diversion, the County Attorney will request that the diversion be terminated. After an appropriate hearing, the Court, upon finding the defendant has failed to fulfill the terms of the Agreement shall order Diversion terminated. Criminal proceedings on the original complaint shall be resumed.

11. Number of Minor Dependents _____
 Number and Ages _____

12. Educational and Vocational Training (include high school or highest grade completed if not high school graduate, as well as education beyond high school).

13. Military Service _____ Yes _____ No _____ Branch _____

Type of discharge _____ Date of Discharge _____

14. Nearest Contact:

Name _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

Relationship to Defendant _____

15. Defense Attorney:

Name _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

16. Present Employment:

Employer _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

Dates Employed _____ to _____ Occupation _____

Salary _____

17. Employment History (list employment for the past three years. Begin with current employer. If you need more space, use blank sheet of paper.)

Employer _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

Dates Employed _____ to _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

Dates Employed _____ to _____ Occupation _____

Reason Left _____

18. Present Sources of Income:

Defendant's Employment \$ _____ Per Month

Spouse's Employment \$ _____ Per Month

Unemployment Compensation \$ _____ Per Month

Public Assistance \$ _____ Per Month

Other \$ _____ Per Month

(If other please indicate source: Parents _____ Relatives _____ Friends _____ Other _____)

19. Prior Criminal Offense Record: (List all Juvenile and Adult incidents, Arrests, Citations, Prosecutions, Convictions, Expungements, Diversions, or Deferred Prosecution Agreements in Kansas or other states, including those not resulting in formal charges or convictions. Include date of incident involved, agency, charge, and disposition.)

20. Have you ever attended Alcohol or Drug treatment or counseling, or received an assessment for possible drug or alcohol problems? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, state when, where, and the reason for attendance or assessment: _____

21. State the circumstances which led to the offense with which you are charged:

Name:

Please circle yes or no for each of the following questions.

1. Have you lived in your **current** residence for a year or more? Yes No
2. Have you worked at your **current** job for a year or more? Yes No
3. Do you have a high school diploma or GED? Yes No
4. Do you have outstanding court fines, restitution, or child support? Yes No
5. Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No
6. Do you have any pending court cases besides this case? Yes No
7. Do you have support (monetary or emotional) from family members? Yes No
8. Have you suffered prior legal consequences due to alcohol or drug use? Yes No
9. Have you ever been diagnosed with a mental illness? Yes No
10. Do you feel that you have been charged fairly in this case? Yes No
11. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense (including juvenile)? Yes No