

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOLICITOR,

The Ninth Judicial Circuit Solicitors Office takes a strong position in prosecuting those who threaten our community and break our laws. We recognize however, that first time offenders may sincerely wish to turn their lives around. Those individuals have an opportunity for change through the Pretrial Intervention Program. Our program requires those who participate to repay the victim and the community for their criminal activity. This is accomplished by the participant completing a series of requirements that may include counseling or education, community service, drug screens, a prison tour and restitution.

Through these activities, PTI participants will gain a better understanding of the judicial system and will have the opportunity to become a more productive and responsible citizen.

In return for participant's completion of all PTI requirements, successful participants will be eligible to have the record of their criminal arrest destroyed. A clean record can allow a new start towards a responsible and productive life in our community.

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PRETRIAL INTERVENTION

General Sessions Court Municipal and Magistrate Court



What is Pretrial Intervention?

PTI (Pretrial Intervention) is a State legislated diversion program designed for first time offenders of eligible crimes. Only participants who do not pose a threat to society and who have no significant prior criminal history are allowed this "second chance." PTI is an alternative to traditional prosecution in the criminal justice system. The program allows the offender to be diverted from court and enter into a program consisting of counseling, guidance, community service work and restitution. After successfully completing the program, the offender's arrest record can then be expunged (destroyed). The time frame of PTI is a minimum of 90 days to 1 year depending on the offender's participation.

Offenders may participate in this program only once.

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Pretrial Intervention Information

Who is eligible for PTI?

- Those charged/arrested with lower level criminal offenses.
- Those who do not have any significant criminal arrests or convictions.
- 18 years or older.
- Those who have no prior PTI program participation.

How to apply to PTI? Application 1 of 2 ways.

- Apply online at www.scsolicitor9.org/pti.php
- Apply in person Monday- Friday 9-5:00.

What is the process for you to get into the PTI program?

- You may request PTI when in court.
- Once referred from the Court or Prosecutor to PTI, you will receive a letter via mail and/or email of your “Notice of Application.”
- You will receive your “Notice of Application” letter within 14 days. Notice of Application” means you can now officially apply for PTI.
- You can apply online or in person. The details on how to apply are included in the Notice of Application letter.
- It is important to be completely honest about your record in your application.
- Once your application is completed, you have 10 days to send in a copy of your Social Security card and Identification Card.
- Once your full application is received, you will be notified within 30 days whether or not you are accepted.

Participation and Program Requirements:

- Pay application and participation fee.
- The total amount is \$350.
(Application fee is \$100)
(Participation fee is \$250)
We accept money Money Orders, Cashier’s Checks, Debit/Credit Cards.
- Indigents do not have to pay the fee.
- If you think you may qualify for indigent status, you must apply in person for this service.
- Counseling session fees vary by offense.
- If required, submit to random drug testing. Some additional fees may apply.
- Complete community service hours as assigned.
- Pay restitution, if any, to victims(s) of your crime.
- Actively participate in counseling sessions, activities and educational classes.
- If required, attend a prison tour.
- Employed, Disabled, Retired or Attending School.
- Comply with the timeline of your case manager.
- No new criminal arrests while enrolled in the PTI program.

Important Notices:

- Applications must be made to the county where the criminal charge occurred.
- Out-of-area transfers to other counties within the State are available.
- Out-of-state supervision is possible.
- For more information about PTI applications, please see the online PTI Application Process link on our website.

