



**Spokane Municipal  
Domestic Violence Intervention Treatment Court  
Participant Handbook**

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You can go FAR with DVIT Court*

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the Spokane Municipal DVIT Court Program. You are about to begin a new chapter in your life which will benefit you, your loved ones, and our community. As you progress through the program, you will be given the tools to establish and maintain healthy relationships with friends, loved ones, and your relationship with yourself. The DVIT Court team is committed to your success and will do all they can to support your positive efforts. However, the final responsibility is yours. You must be motivated to make changes and commit to living a life free of drugs, alcohol, and violence. Ultimately, it will be your hard work, accountability, and your willingness to confront your past that will determine your success in the program.

This handbook is designed to answer questions, address concerns, and provide overall information about the DVIT Court Program. As a participant, you will be expected to follow the instructions given by the Judge and comply with the recommended treatment plan. This handbook will provide you with a description of what is expected of you as a DVIT Court participant. You understand the Court may impose additional requirements if deemed appropriate in your specific circumstances.

We wish you the best and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

The DVIT Court Team

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## **Mission Statement**

To support participants in their recovery and assist them in changing their behavior towards family and intimate partner relationships, to hold them accountable as necessary to further those two goals, and to protect victims and the community from further abuse or future violent crime.

## **Goals**

- Provide treatment focused primarily on ending the violence, holding the perpetrator accountable for his or her violence, and changing his or her behavior.
- Hold participants accountable for re-offense and noncompliance following policies and procedures.
- Provide victim services where viable.
- Follow a comprehensive approach to rehabilitation through interagency collaboration, victim advocacy, and non-adversarial treatment strategies.
- Increase the participants likelihood to complete treatment and other conditions of probation while protecting the safety and confidentiality of victims and reducing negative collateral consequences to victims.

## **Program Description**

The Domestic Violence Intervention Treatment Court was created in 2023 for the Spokane Municipal Court in conjunction with treatment providers and victim advocacy to address the need and desire for a therapeutic court to address the issue of domestic violence in the city of Spokane.

The Domestic Violence Intervention Treatment Court focuses on creating opportunities for personal insight, behavioral change and non-violent living while encouraging victim input and participation in the court process and increasing victim safety. Through a system of individualized incentives and consequences, participants are supported as they progress toward their goals while being held accountable for their conduct along the way.

## **Eligibility Criteria and Disqualifiers**

### **Eligibility Criteria**

DVIT Court is a court designed to address High Risk offenders.

When determining whether an offender is eligible, the following indicators should be looked for:

1. History of Domestic Violence offenses (both convictions and non-convictions) with the likelihood of recidivism.
2. Offender has undergone a Community Supervision Tool, Kessler Psychological Distress Scale, and Michigan Alcohol Screening Tool assessment.
3. Offender completed the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment, if applicable.
4. Has completed a Domestic Violence assessment through Phoenix Counseling.

NOTE: First-time offenders may be eligible if they meet high risk criteria, however the focus is on offenders that meet the criteria above.

### **The following individuals ARE NOT ELIGIBLE for DVIT Court:**

- Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been previously convicted of a **serious violent offense or sex offense** defined in RCW 9.94A.030.
  - (a)
    - 1) Murder in the first degree
    - 2) Homicide by abuse
    - 3) Murder in the second degree
    - 4) Manslaughter in the first degree
    - 5) Assault in the first degree
    - 6) Kidnapping in the first degree
    - 7) Rape in the first degree
    - 8) Assault of a child in the first degree
    - 9) An attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit one of these felonies;
    - 10) Any sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030(47); or
  - (b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a serious violent offense under (a) of this subsection

- Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been previously convicted of a **serious violent offense or sex offense** defined in RCW 2.30.030 (3)
  - (a) Individuals who are currently charged or who have been previously convicted of a serious violent offense or sex offense as defined in RCW [9.94A.030](#)
  - (b) Individuals who are currently charged with an offense alleging intentional discharge, threat to discharge, or attempt to discharge a firearm in furtherance of the offense.
  - (c) Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been previously convicted of vehicular homicide or an equivalent out-of- state offense; or
  - (d) Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been previously convicted of: An offense alleging substantial bodily harm or great bodily harm as defined in RCW [9A.04.110](#), or death of another person.

**The following may be disqualifiers for DVIT Court:**

- Current Therapeutic Court involvement
- ICE or DOC community custody holds
- Residency outside Spokane County
- Active gang affiliation
- Use of marijuana
- Active Federal Probation
- Pending felonies
- Cases in active warrant status
- Pending cases from other counties

## **Program Phases and Movement**

The Domestic Violence Intervention Treatment Court program includes 4 supervised phases. As you meet requirements and show compliance, you will progress through the phases. The first phase is the most difficult. It will involve many contacts with the DVIT COURT team members. As you progress and show success, the subsequent phases become less rigorous and less time consuming.

Your compliance is monitored on a weekly basis and the team will discuss your progress in meeting phase requirements regularly. Once you have demonstrated compliance and completed all requirements, you will move on to the next phase.

The minimum amount of time in the program is 12 months. Upon meeting all program requirements and completing Phase 4, you are eligible to graduate and receive an early honorable discharge from probation.

## **Phase Structure**

### **Phase 1: Acute Stabilization (Engagement and Assessment)**

You must remain in this phase for a minimum of 30 days

- Attend court weekly. You will appear on time.
- Meet with Community Justice Counselor at least once per week.
- Random drug and alcohol testing at a minimum of 8 x per month.
- Additional testing at Community Justice Services Department discretion.
- Engage in Domestic Violence Intervention treatment.
- Schedule Substance Use and Mental Health assessments by end of Phase 1, if not completed prior to admission to DVIT Court.
- Develop an education or employment plan (if employed in the marijuana industry must find new employment).
- Develop a transportation plan.
- Develop a childcare plan.
- Acquire stable housing with a plan for clean and sober housing.
- Plan for changing/eliminating negative people, places, and things.
- **Personal Project:** Indicating why you should be promoted to Phase 2. Include accomplishments to this point, sanctions and behaviors changed to overcome possible repeat behavior.

### **In order to complete Phase 1:**

- Minimum of 30 days since opting in.
- Minimum of 15 consecutive days clean, sober and violation free at the end of Phase 1.
- Complete education or employment plan.
- Complete transportation plan.
- Complete childcare plan.
- Live in stable housing with a plan for clean and sober housing.
- Engaged in treatment.
- Compliant with supervision.
- Develop a plan for resolving outstanding warrants (if applicable).
- Present to the court your project and application to move to Phase 2.

## **Phase 2: Clinical Stabilization (Early Recovery and Education)**

You must remain in this phase for a minimum of 3 months

- Attend court every other week. You will appear on time.
- Meet with Community Justice Counselor at least once per week.
- Random drug and alcohol testing at a minimum of 8x per month.
- Additional testing at Community Justice Services Department discretion.
- Engage in Domestic Violence Intervention treatment.
- Complete Substance Use and Mental Health assessments by end of Phase 2.
- Making progress toward education or employment plan.
- Follow transportation plan/childcare plan (if applicable).
- Develop financial plan.
- Maintain stable housing with a plan for clean and sober housing.
- Demonstrate changing/eliminating negative people, places, and things.
- Compliant with treatment (SUD and MH if applicable).
- Comply with supervision.
- Begin peer recovery groups per treatment plan.
- **Personal Project:** Indicating why you should be promoted to Phase 3. Include accomplishments to this point, sanctions and behaviors changed to overcome possible repeat behavior. Also include personal short and long-term goals.

### **In Order to Complete Phase 2:**

- Minimum of 3 months in Phase 2.
- Minimum of 30 consecutive days clean, sober and violation free at the end of Phase 2.
- Engaged in treatment.
- Compliant with supervision.
- Addressing medical issues if necessary.
- Following transportation plan/childcare plan if applicable.
- Maintaining stable housing with a plan for clean and sober housing.
- Engaged in peer recovery groups per treatment plan.
- Develop a plan for resolving outstanding warrants (if applicable).
- Present to the court your project and application to move to Phase 3.



### **Phase 3: Pro-Social Habilitation (Maintenance & Relapse Prevention)**

You must remain in this phase for a minimum of 4 months

- Attend court every other week. You will appear on time.
- Meet with Community Justice Counselor a minimum of two times per month.
- Random drug and alcohol testing up to 8x per month.
- Additional testing at Community Justice Services Department discretion.
- Engage in Domestic Violence Intervention treatment.
- Engage in Substance Use and Mental Health treatment (if applicable).
- Making progress toward education or employment plan.
- Follow transportation plan/childcare plan (if applicable).
- Follow financial plan.
- Maintain stable housing with a plan for clean and sober housing.
- Demonstrate changing/eliminating negative people, places, and things.
- Compliant with treatment (SUD and MH if applicable).
- Comply with supervision.
- Engaged in peer recovery groups per treatment plan.
- Develop Community Service plan.
- Establish pro-social activity.
- **Personal Project:** Indicating why you should be promoted to Phase 4. Include accomplishments to this point, sanctions and behaviors changed to overcome possible repeat behavior. Include goals for after treatment is completed, formulate a plan for relapse prevention, and identify support system.

#### **In Order to Complete Phase 3:**

- Minimum of 4 months in Phase 3.
- Minimum of 45 consecutive days clean, sober and violation free at the end of Phase 3.
- Engaged in treatment.
- Compliant with supervision.
- Establish pro-social activities and recovery network.
- Provide proof of active employment, education, or enrollment in skill development program.
- Have developed a community service plan (40 hours required for graduation).
- Develop a plan for resolving outstanding warrants (if applicable).
- Present to the court your project and application to move to Phase 4.

#### **Phase 4: Adaptive Habilitation**

You must remain in this phase for a minimum of 4 months

- Attend court once per month. You will appear on time. You will be required to attend court weekly during the six weeks prior to graduation.
- Meet with Community Justice Counselor a minimum of once per month.
- Random drug and alcohol testing up to 8x per month.
- Additional testing at Community Justice Services Department discretion.
- Engage in Domestic Violence Intervention treatment (if applicable).
- Engage in Substance Use and Mental Health treatment (if applicable).
- Making progress toward education or employment plan.
- Follow transportation plan/childcare plan (if applicable).
- Follow financial plan.
- Maintain stable housing with a plan for clean and sober housing.
- Demonstrate changing/eliminating negative people, places, and things.
- Compliant with treatment (SUD and MH if applicable).
- Comply with supervision.
- Maintain peer recovery groups per treatment plan.
- Complete Community Service (40-hours required for graduation).
- Continue pro-social activity.
- Address ancillary services (i.e., parenting, family support).
- **Personal Project:** Complete essay detailing what you have learned throughout each phase in DVIT Court.

#### **In Order to Complete Phase 4 and Graduate:**

- Minimum of 4 months in Phase 4.
- Minimum of 90 consecutive days clean, sober and violation free at the end of Phase 4.
- Completed treatment programs.
- Compliant with supervision.
- Engaged in pro-social activities.
- Engaged in recovery network.
- Provided proof of active employment, education, or skill development program.
- Live in clean and sober housing.
- Addressed ancillary services (parenting, family support).
- Completed community service (40-hours required).
- Resolved outstanding warrants.

## **Roles of DVIT Court Team**

### **DVIT Court Judge Kristin O'Sullivan**

The Judge, or her designee, will preside over all DVIT Court hearings and participate as an active member of the multidisciplinary team. The Judge will assist in motivating and monitoring the participants in their success in DVIT Court. She will ensure a cooperative atmosphere for attorneys, community justice counselors, law enforcement, and treatment providers. The Judge will be responsible for all final decisions regarding incentives and sanctions.

### **Community Justice Counselor (Probation) Travis Terry**

Community Justice Counselors (CJC) will participate as an active member of the DVIT Court multidisciplinary team. They will provide coordinated and comprehensive supervision and case management. CJC is responsible for team communication on behalf of participants for requests of the court, travel passes, and other communication. The CJCs maintain regular communication with participants, providers, and the court.

### **Prosecutor Jeff Sawyer**

A Prosecutor is assigned to DVIT Court and participates as a member of the multidisciplinary team. The prosecutor operates in a non-adversarial manner during court to promote a sense of a unified team presence while addressing participant's accountability and needs, utilizing a therapeutic approach. The prosecutor participates in court promoting activities.

### **Public Defender Alex Howie**

A Public Defender is assigned to DVIT Court and participates as a member of the multidisciplinary team. The Public Defender will advise the defendant at all hearings. They will also advise the participant as to the nature and purpose of DVIT Court, the rules governing participation, the consequences of abiding or failing to abide by the rules, and how participating or not participating in DVIT Court will affect his/her interests. The Public Defender will also participate as a team member, operating in a non-adversarial manner during court, to promote a sense of a unified team presence.

### **Treatment Providers Phoenix Counseling**

Attend DVIT Court staffing and hearings while maintaining a professional relationship as a member of the multidisciplinary team. Treatment will advocate for clients in a therapeutic manner as they provide access to a continuum of treatment and other related services and monitor treatment compliance. Treatment will conduct all assessments and treatment sessions.

### **Spokane Police Department Detective Deon Mason**

Police Officers attend DVIT Court staffing meetings to provide law enforcement insight and perspective regarding DVIT Court participants as part of the multidisciplinary team. Officers will provide information and support to participants in the community and encourage them to succeed in their participation of DVIT Court. Officers create and foster healthy relationships with participants while ensuring community safety.

### **Victim Advocate**

Victim Advocates will attend staffing and court hearings to provide support for victims.

## **Incentives/Interventions/Sanctions**

### **What are incentives?**

Incentives are given to recognize participants who have achieved measurable accomplishments and goals. At the court's discretion, any of the following incentives may be granted:

- Verbal praise and encouragement
- Applause
- Written praise
- Phase advancement
- Travel approvals
- Gift cards
- Bus passes
- Uber or Lyft Gift Cards
- Candy or other treats
- Decreased court appearances
- Decreased UA testing
- Reduction of supervision
- Keychains
- Notebooks
- Graduation ceremony and award

\*\*\*This list is not exhaustive and additional incentives may be added at any time.

### **What is a therapeutic intervention?**

Therapeutic interventions are tools the team utilizes to assist a participant in overcoming program noncompliance. Failure to progress in the program, attend treatment sessions, or meet program requirements may result in a therapeutic intervention, as ordered by the court.

- Verbal admonishment
- Apology letter to judge, team, and fellow participants
- Essay/Presentation or other writing assignment
- Increased or imposed curfew times
- Weekly court appearance
- Additional check-ins with Community Justice Services
- Increase in treatment requirements
- Community Service hours
- Increased drug and alcohol testing
- Extended time in phase
- GPS/EHM/Alcohol monitoring bracelet

\*\*\*This list is not exhaustive and additional therapeutic interventions may be added at any time.

### **What are sanctions and what type of sanctions will the court impose?**

Failure to comply with the DVIT Court program requirements may lead to court intervention or sanction. Continued failure to progress in the program after therapeutic court interventions, or any other failed behavior may result in sanctions, as ordered by the court.

- GPS/EHM/Alcohol monitoring bracelet
- DOC work crew
- Flash sanction (booked into jail from court)
- Termination from DVIT Court with imposition of suspended sentence

\*\*\*This list is not exhaustive and additional sanctions may be added at any time.

### **Team Response to Violations**

In the event of a violation, a jail sanction may be imposed, or a show cause hearing will be held where all pertinent information will be presented by the Community Justice Counselor. You will have an opportunity to present your version of the alleged events. The Judge will make a determination if the violation did or did not occur and will impose sanctions if deemed necessary.

### **How are alleged violations handled?**

DVIT Court violation hearings will be conducted in a different manner than traditional Probation Violation hearings. Alleged violations will be discussed prior to Court, in staffing, by all DVIT Court Team Members. The nature of the alleged violation will be discussed, including possible defenses, and recommendations will be made to the Judge. No decision will be rendered during this meeting. Before the court hearing begins, your attorney will discuss the alleged violation with you and determine whether to address the violations that day or whether to set a contested hearing at a future date. If the alleged violation is addressed that day in Court, you will be allowed the opportunity to address the Court on the matter and the Court will then render its decision. The Court's decision will be the final judgment on the violation.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **How much time will the process take?**

Each participant will be assessed whether they meet the criteria to participate in DVIT Court. This involves a series of meetings with attorneys and completing evaluations. Participants will initially meet with their attorney to determine whether they meet specific criteria. Next, each potential participant will undergo the Community Supervision Tool, Kessler Psychological Distress Scale, Michigan Alcohol Screening Tool, and Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (if applicable). Potential participants will be required to complete a comprehensive Domestic Violence assessment at Phoenix Counseling. This assessment can take up to 4 hours. Upon acceptance into DVIT Court, this assessment will be utilized to establish the level of care and duration of treatment.

### **What is Domestic Violence Intervention Treatment?**

Treatment primarily focuses on ending the violence, holding the perpetrator accountable for his or her violence, and changing his or her behavior. The treatment is based on nonvictim-blaming strategies and philosophies and includes education about the individual, family, and cultural dynamics of domestic violence.

If the offender or victim has a minor child, treatment will specifically include education regarding the effects of domestic violence on children, such as the emotional impacts of domestic violence on children and the long-term consequences that exposure to domestic violence may have on children.

Satisfactory completion of treatment is contingent upon the offender meeting specific criteria.

### **How is my level of care determined?**

All treatment is based upon a full, complete clinical assessment conducted by Phoenix Counseling. This assessment will establish the type and duration of treatment. Phoenix Counseling may make ongoing treatment recommendations during your time in DVIT Court that may increase or decrease your treatment requirements.

### **What resolution can I expect in DVIT Court?**

For entry into DVIT Court you will be required to plead guilty to a deferred sentence on the offenses as charged, and upon successful completion of the DVIT Court program, your plea will be vacated, and your charges dismissed. (RCW 3.50.320)

### **What sentence can I expect to receive if I do not successfully complete the DVIT Court program?**

A participant who is faced with removal from the DVIT Court program can expect to receive individualized justice tailored to the facts and circumstances before the Court. It is not the goal of the DVIT Court team for any participant to receive the maximum sentence authorized by law, unless necessary.

**What happens if I violate my No-Contact Order?**

The alleged violation will be discussed by the DVIT Court team in staffing, including possible defenses, and recommendations will be made to the Judge. No decision will be rendered during staffing. Your attorney will discuss the outcome of staffing with you and support you in resolving the violation at the current hearing or setting the matter for a contested hearing.

**How do I get my No-Contact Order removed?**

All requests to have a No-Contact Order removed will be discussed by the DVIT Court team in staffing. This discussion will include a review of your program and treatment compliance, and input from all team members. After the team has presented their recommendations to the Judge, your attorney will update you before court. No decision will be made in staffing. The Judge will hear from you and the victim during your status hearing. The Judge will render her decision based on everything presented.

**What if I need to move, change roommates, or get a new job?**

You must notify your Community Justice Counselor (CJC) **before** you move to a new address or change your phone number. You must notify your CJC immediately if you get a new job, quit, get laid off, or fired. You may not reside with a fellow DVIT Court participant while in DVIT Court.

**What if I want to travel outside Spokane County?**

If you need to travel outside Spokane County (or across the state border), you must first contact your CJC to request permission to leave. If you are requesting a day trip, it is usually approved, if there is advanced notice, and you are in compliance. An overnight or out-of-state trip (including travel across state border) will require a travel request form to be submitted at minimum, 5-days before planned travel. The travel request form must contain your relapse prevention plan. The DVIT Court team will review and grant permission or deny your request. You may be required to be on alcohol monitoring or GPS while on approved travel and you may be required to do a urinalysis test **prior** to leaving and **immediately** upon return. In the event an emergency trip outside of the County is needed, it must be reported (via email, voicemail, phone call, text message) to your CJC prior to leaving and you will be subject to **immediate** testing upon return.

**What if I have contact with Law Enforcement?**

**You must report all police contact to your CJC within 24 hours of contact. (Messages left for CJC will be considered contact)** Police/Law Enforcement contact includes any sort of interaction with law enforcement personnel, including outside Probation/Parole agencies. Must present DVIT Court Contact Card to law enforcement upon contact. Contact could include but is not limited to: Being asked for ID by law enforcement, being a passenger in a vehicle that is contacted by law enforcement, being involved in a crime event or collision where law enforcement responds or being questioned by law enforcement personnel as a suspect, victim and/or witness to a criminal act.

If you learn that you have a warrant or are the subject of an investigation, or if you are sought as a witness, you must report that to your CJC.

If you receive a subpoena or a restraining order, or are a party to a lawsuit, you must report that to your CJC.

## **Rules and Responsibilities**

### **Confidentiality**

You are required to sign a Release of Information which allows the Community Justice Services Department to give information to the DVIT Court team. The team consists of the Judge, prosecuting attorney, public defender, court coordinator, community justice counselor, law enforcement, treatment provider, victim advocate, and drug/alcohol testing provider. Please note, at times, other parties with the respected offices identified above may cover your case and have access to your information. Your privacy is respected, and the team will make every effort to protect your identity.

Confidentiality is essential to maintain the integrity of group therapy sessions. Nothing that is discussed within the confines of those meetings will leave those meetings. No information pertaining to another client should be discussed outside of the group. This confidentiality applies to things said in the courtroom as well.

Participants will be required to sign the DVIT Court Release of Information & Waiver of Rights and Publicity Consent Form.

### **Financial Obligations**

All court payments are to be established and paid through PAR Acceptance Corp. Information regarding your payments may be obtained from the court clerk.

If your charge involved a property crime, you are required to pay the restitution that is owed to the victim(s) of the crime. The amount of restitution, if any, was determined at your sentencing. You must make regular payments on your restitution in accordance with the court order.

### **Court Appearances**

All scheduled court appearances are MANDATORY. As you advance to higher phases of the program, court appearances may be decreased. You must arrive at court at least ten minutes before the docket begins and remain in the courtroom until after the docket is complete.

If you are not present in court on the required days, a bench warrant may be issued. It is then your responsibility to get the warrant quashed or turn yourself in. ***If this does not happen, you will be arrested and remain in jail until your next court date.***

Absences may be excused if a documented reasonable excuse for the absence is provided.



## **Courtroom Behavior**

You are expected to always maintain appropriate behavior in the courtroom and courthouse. This includes:

- No talking while court is in session
- Be respectful of others
- No food or beverage in the courtroom
- No smoking
- No chewing gum
- No chewing tobacco
- No vaping
- Do not bring your children to court
- The Judge should always be addressed as “Judge” or “Your Honor”
- Be on time and do not leave during the hearing except to use the restroom
- No cell phone use during court
- **Dress appropriately.** Clothing bearing alcohol or drug related themes or promoting, or advertising alcohol or drug use is considered inappropriate.

Do not wear hats, sunglasses, short shorts, or tank tops. Clothing that is disturbing and distracting in court is inappropriate and disruptive to the judicial process and may result in a sanction.

## **Graduation**

You will be eligible for graduation once you have completed all four phases as outlined above and have been in DVIT Court for a minimum of 12 months. The time frame varies according to your performance and will be determined by the DVIT Court Team. Your family, friends, employers, counselors, and sponsor are welcome to come to court and share in this joyous and life-affirming occasion. There will be a graduation ceremony in which you will receive a certificate demonstrating your completion of DVIT Court and accomplishment.

## **DVIT Court Contract**

Upon entry of a plea of guilty, the defendant agrees to the following terms of probation as conditions of entry into Spokane Municipal Domestic Violence Intervention Treatment Court:

### **Conditions of Sentence**

- Supervised Probation for up to 60 months subject to reduction (minimum 12 months) depending on progress and graduation by the defendant. Abide by all rules and regulations of the Community Justice Services Department as outlined in the DVIT Court Participant Handbook
- Obtain Domestic Violence evaluation and follow any recommended treatment.
- Obtain a drug/alcohol evaluation and follow any recommended treatment.
- Obtain a mental health evaluation and follow any recommended treatment.
- No use, possession, or consumption of alcohol, marijuana, or controlled substance unless prescribed and then only in the manner prescribed and comply with DVIT Court policies. Refer to Medication Compliance Policy for additional information.
- Complete the 40-hours of community service required for graduation.
- Submit to testing for drugs and alcohol throughout the term of probation. Refer to the Testing Contract for additional information.
- No new criminal law violations.
- Abide by any valid no-contact, anti-harassment, or protection orders.
- Follow any other conditions of judgment and sentence imposed.

## **Testing Contract**

- ☐ I understand I will be drug and alcohol tested frequently and on a random basis throughout the DVIT Court program. It is my responsibility to call the testing line daily and provide a sample if directed to.
- ☐ I understand my testing frequency can be increased at any time while in the DVIT Court program.
- ☐ I understand drug and alcohol testing will be performed on weekdays, weekends and Holidays. It is my responsibility to call the testing line daily.
- ☐ I understand drug and alcohol testing will be performed by a laboratory or program approved by the DVIT Court program.
- ☐ I understand that I must arrive at the testing facility as soon as possible after being notified that a test has been scheduled. I will be sanctioned for a missed test.
- ☐ I understand a staff person will directly observe the collection of test specimens. The staff person will be the same gender as me unless I, my defense attorney, or my counselor request otherwise.
- ☐ I understand failure to provide a test specimen or providing an insufficient volume of fluid for analysis is a violation of the rules of the program and will be sanctioned accordingly.
- ☐ I understand I may not drink any fluid excessively before testing.
- ☐ I understand that I must avoid environmental contaminants such as alcohol-based hand sanitizer, perfumes, colognes, bug sprays or other chemicals such as paint lacquers, solvents, and gasoline.
- ☐ I understand I may be subjected to immediate spot testing if the DVIT Court program has reason to suspect use.
- ☐ I understand I have the right to challenge the results of a screening test by confirming the results through a laboratory-based test and may be charged the cost of the confirmation test.
- ☐ I understand I will be sanctioned for providing diluted, adulterated, or substituted test specimens. Urine specimens below 90 degrees F, above 100 degrees F, or that have a creatinine level below 20 ng/dL will be presumed to be diluted or fraudulent.
- ☐ I understand if I'm unable to provide a urine specimen, miss a random test, or dilute, the court will consider the test a positive.
- ☐ I understand I will be sanctioned for using synthetic substances such as K2 or Spice that are designed to avoid detection by standard drug tests.

- ☐ I understand poppy seeds and flavoring extracts (for example: vanilla and almond extract) can result in a positive test.
- ☐ I understand using passive inhalation or secondhand exposure will not be allowed as an excuse for a positive test.
- ☐ I understand it is my responsibility to read product labels and to avoid exposure to products and substances that contain ethyl alcohol.
- ☐ I understand I will not be able to take nutritional supplements and herbal dietary supplements without contacting my Community Justice Counselor for permission because they could negatively affect my urine test results.
- ☐ I understand that I am not allowed to use marijuana or any of its biproducts including but not limited to edibles, lotions, and oils.
- ☐ I understand that non-alcoholic beer and wine contain enough alcohol to result in a positive test and that I am prohibited from consuming these products.
- ☐ I understand that I will only take prescribed medication that is prescribed to me. I will provide my Community Justice Counselor documentation of all prescriptions.
- ☐ I understand I am responsible for all testing and confirmation costs. Currently, the DVIT Court program covers the cost of testing.
- ☐ I understand I am responsible for all items I consume and come into contact with.
- ☐ I have read and understand my responsibilities detailed above.

## **Medication Compliance Policy**

- ☐ I understand I cannot take the following:
- Opiates (Vicodin, Percocet, etc.)
  - Benzodiazepines (Xanax, Valium, etc.)
  - Muscle Relaxants (Flexeril, Soma, Robaxin, etc.)
  - Synthetic pain pills (Tramadol, Ultram, etc.)
  - Stimulant amphetamines (Adderall, Ritalin, etc.)
  - Barbiturates
  - Anything with Pseudoephedrine (Sudafed, Claritin-D, etc.)
  - Anything with Alcohol (Nyquil, Zzzquil, Kombucha, etc.)
  - Any product containing THC
  - PM medications (Lunesta, Ambien, etc.)
  - Ranitidine (Zantac)
  - CBD (in any form)
  - Kratom (synthetic or herbal supplements should be cleared by your assigned CJC)
  - Any food or drink that contains poppy seeds
  - Any mind-altering or addictive substance not otherwise listed
- ☐ I understand I may not use any Scheduled I-IV drugs without the permission of the DVIT Court team. Should my doctor prescribe medication, I will sign a Release of Information between the prescribing doctor and my Community Justice Counselor to verify my prescription.
- ☐ I understand I must notify my doctor of participation in the DVIT Court program before being prescribed any medication and I must show the DVIT Court Contact Card to my doctor at every visit.
- ☐ I understand failure to disclose all medical and prescription information may be considered a violation and subject to sanction.
- ☐ I understand telling the court that a hospital gave you something without your knowledge is not an acceptable excuse. I am responsible for my healthcare and knowing what is prescribed.
- ☐ There are occasionally exceptions with regards to opiates, such as having surgery. I understand I must present a plan to my CJC that will be reviewed by the DVIT Court team in advance. Approved plans will be carefully monitored and may include daily pill counts and proper disposal protocol. Generally, these plans will not exceed three days in duration.
- ☐ If I am unsure about a medication or supplement, I will talk with my CJC, pharmacist or doctor. I am responsible for doing this before I take any medications or supplements. I will take this list with me when I see my doctor or purchase over the counter medications.
- ☐ I understand the above to be a condition of DVIT Court. If I fail to comply, I will be sanctioned.

## **DVIT Court Release of Information and Waiver of Rights**

As a DVIT Court participant, I agree and authorize the following:

- ☐ I agree and authorize the DVIT Court team to discuss my case and treatment outside the courtroom and outside my presence. I further understand that my case may be accessed by members of each respective agency while in DVIT Court.
- ☐ I agree and acknowledge as part of the DVIT Court Program I will not disclose to any other person, business, or organization any treatment information I hear regarding another DVIT Court participant during a DVIT Court session.
- ☐ I authorize my treatment providers to exchange my treatment information with the Court and CJC. I further allow the Court and CJC to disclose that treatment information to DVIT Court team members and other medical, mental health and treatment providers.
- ☐ I authorize the CJC and Court to discuss my treatment progress and records during DVIT Court sessions. I authorize the CJC and treatment provider to disclose to the DVIT Court Judge the results of any urinalysis and to have those results discussed in court.
- ☐ I authorize my sentence judgment, even though it orders me to participate in DVIT Court, to be placed in the court file which is open to the public.
- ☐ I understand that this consent will remain in effect and cannot be revoked by me until there has been a formal and effective termination or revocation of my release by me in writing. I agree I cannot participate in DVIT Court unless all releases remain in effect. I further acknowledge that this release will expire upon my successful completion of probation and the DVIT Court Program.

## **Publicity Consent Form**

- ☐ I hereby consent to and authorize the use, publication, and reproduction of all media by the DVIT Court or anyone it authorizes, for all photographs/video taken of me, with or without names, for any editorial, promotional, advertising, educational or other purpose.
- ☐ I understand that any photographs or videos may be used in any publication for promotion of DVIT Court. I realize that this coverage may place my picture, with or without further explanation, alone or accompanied by other pictures, in a story, on a website, or on a cover of any or all publicity materials for DVIT Court. I hereby release the DVIT Court, its staff, and employees, or anyone it authorizes, from all claims relating to or arising from the uses consented above.
- ☐ I am over eighteen years of age, have read this consent and release, or have had it read and explained to me, fully understand its contents, and enter into it voluntarily and without coercion.

## **Acknowledgment and Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read/have been read the DVIT Court handbook and agree to the terms stated in the handbook and by the Spokane Municipal Domestic Violence Intervention Treatment Court program. I understand that if I do not follow the court's rules, I can be terminated from DVIT Court with imposition of my suspended sentence. I have received a copy of this agreement and agree to its terms and conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defense Counsel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prosecuting Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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