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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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(First) (Middle) (Last)

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

3. Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (County) (State)

4. Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_

5. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

6. Operator's License Number \_\_\_\_\_

7. Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Occupation or Employer \_\_\_\_\_

10. Work Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. What is the name of your Health Insurance Company?

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Insurance Policy Number? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are you represented by counsel? \_\_\_\_\_ . If yes,

Counsel's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

14. Have you ever been arrested, served with a summons or citation, pled guilty, accepted ARD or similar program, or been convicted, of any criminal offense (including crimes of violence), including juvenile and summary offenses? If yes, when and where did it occur, what were the charges, and how were they resolved?

As used in this section, the term "crime of violence" includes but is not limited to murder or homicide, aggravated assault, rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, arson, kidnapping, burglary of a structure adapted for overnight accommodation in which at the time of the offense any person is present, robbery, robbery of a motor vehicle, any weapons related offense, aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault and sexual assault or criminal attempt, criminal conspiracy or criminal solicitation to commit any of the offenses listed above, or an equivalent crime under the laws of this Commonwealth in effect at the time of the commission of that offense or an equivalent crime in another jurisdiction.

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15. As a result of any criminal charges have you ever been placed on §117 Probation without Verdict (35 P.S. §780-117) or §118 Disposition in lieu of trial or criminal punishment (35 P.S. §780-118)? If yes, when and where did it occur? Have you received a similar disposition to any criminal charge in any other jurisdiction?

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16. Are you presently on probation or parole? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_  
(State/County)

17. Are you **presently** on bail or do you have any **other** outstanding criminal charges? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_  
(State/County)

**DRUG COURT PROGRAM COLLOQUY**  
**MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL DRUG COURT CANDIDATES**

Respond by answering "Yes" you understand and agree or "No" you do not, then initial each response. If you do not agree to all the terms and conditions set forth in this application and colloquy you will not be admitted to the Program.

**1. I UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM IS COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY AND THAT I MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME WITHOUT THE IMPOSITION OF A SANCTION.**

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2. I understand that acceptance into and satisfactory completion of the Drug Court Program offers me an opportunity to earn a dismissal of those pending charges and expungement of my record relating to those charges.

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3. I agree in order to participate in the Drug Court Program to do the following:

- (1) Apply for the Drug Court Program at the preliminary hearing or as soon thereafter as I am aware of my eligibility for the Program;
  - (2) Waive the preliminary hearing;
  - (3) Waive formal arraignment unless you are removed from the Program;
  - (4) Waive the filing of a criminal information unless you are removed from the Program; and
  - (5) Waive right to file pretrial motions under Pa.R.Crim.Pro. 572, 573, 578, and 579, unless you are removed from the Program.
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4. I understand that the primary purpose of this Program is treatment and that any statements made by me while participating in this Program shall not be used against me in any subsequent related adversarial proceeding. These include statements made to the Drug Court Team during the pre-screening phase, statements made in open court during Chester County Drug Court proceedings, and/or statements made to any treatment provider during the treatment phase of the Program. However, spontaneous statements made by me in open court, which refer to unrelated criminal activity and which are not related to participation in the Program may be admissible in other criminal proceedings. The admissibility of the statements will be determined in an evidentiary hearing. I understand that none of my court reviews held before the Judge will be recorded in any manner and that there will be no record of Drug Court proceedings other than my initial entry into the Program or a proceeding to remove me from the Program.

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5. I understand that I have the right to be represented by counsel while participating in the Drug Court Program. However, since Drug Court is a voluntary treatment court, as previously described, my right to counsel is limited to the following:
- (1) Counsel may advise me regarding the contents of this application, explanation and colloquy and whether to apply for the Drug Court Program and I agree to waive the rights as set forth in colloquy statement number three (3) above. **IF I AM UNREPRESENTED, I MAY REQUEST THE COURT TO PROVIDE COUNSEL SOLELY TO AID ME IN THESE DECISIONS.**
  - (2) Counsel may appear on my behalf at the Drug Court team meeting.
  - (3) Counsel may be present with me at any Court review session, including any review session at which it is recommended that I be removed from the Drug Court program. However, consistent with the treatment court philosophy of the Drug Court Program, no motions or legal argument may be presented at these Court review sessions. Counsel may assist me in communicating with the Judge, but may not speak in place of my report to and questioning by the Judge at the Court review.
  - (4) Counsel may advise me as to whether to voluntarily withdraw from the Drug Court Program and assist me in that process.
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6. I understand that drug and alcohol test results obtained through the Drug Court Program will be used only to assist the court and treatment providers in evaluating my progress, and may be used by the Drug Court to determine whether I am progressing satisfactorily, whether the treatment plan needs modification, whether to impose sanctions within the Program, and whether I should be terminated or graduated from Drug Court. I understand that under no circumstances will such test results be used as evidence of a new crime, or in another manner not consistent with the treatment and rehabilitation goals of the Chester County Drug Court. I further understand that any adulterated test results will be considered as a positive test for alcohol or drugs and I will be subject to a sanction for that adulteration.
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7. I understand that currently the Drug Court Program may test blood, urine, perspiration, saliva and/or breath for drugs and alcohol. These tests can include, but are not limited to, urine test strips, sweat patches, various breathalyzers (including portable breath tests) and various electronic monitoring devices. Tests and monitoring are conducted randomly and/or at the sole discretion of the Program. No particular test or monitoring device may be requested by any participant. I agree that these tests and monitors are presumed valid and, with the exception of the challenge procedure contained in this colloquy, agree that I will not appeal, or in any other way legally contest any test or monitor results. Should I disagree with any such result, with the exclusive exception of the challenge procedure, set forth below, I agree that my only remedy is to withdraw from the Drug Court Program. **I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT IF I OTHERWISE LEGALLY CONTEST OR APPEAL ANY TEST OR MONITOR RESULT, THAT ACTION WILL CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM.**
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8. I understand that I may challenge the results of any drug or alcohol test performed by a Probation Officer by immediately requesting that the sample be tested by a laboratory designated by the Department of Adult Probation and Parole and paying a testing fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00). I understand that should the laboratory result confirm the test result I will be subject to an additional sanction by the Court for my lack of honesty in failing to acknowledge the drug or alcohol use detected by the test. I understand that should the laboratory retest show the initial test result to be in error no sanction will be imposed and my testing fee will be applied against my fines or costs. **I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT ONLY LABORATORY TESTS AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT OR ADULT PROBATION WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE PROGRAM. With the Court's approval, I will be permitted to test at an alternate testing site. I agree that I may not challenge the results of a sample if I am testing at an approved alternate location.**
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9. I consent to the search of my person or residence upon reasonable suspicion that I have or am violating any term or condition of the Drug Court Program. I understand that if I have any questions concerning this waiver, I will discuss this with my private attorney, Public Defender, a Court appointed attorney if I request one or the Court if I am not represented by an attorney before being admitted to the Program.
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10. I understand that if I am removed from the Program and sentenced, I am not entitled to any sentence credits except actual time spent in custody in jail. I understand that if I have any questions concerning sentencing, I will discuss this with my private attorney, Public Defender, a Court appointed attorney if I request one or the Court if I am not represented by an attorney before being admitted to the Program.
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11. I understand that the conditions of the Drug Court Program may include the imposition of an obligation to pay the costs of treatment programs or other programs and if I am removed from Drug Court or I withdraw, costs of treatment, other programs or tuition at Delaware County Community College paid through Drug Court will be added as costs of my case and I will be required to repay those amounts. Failure to pay, when required, for these programs may subject me to sanctions imposed by the Court.
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12. I understand that the length of the Drug Court program shall not be less than one year nor more than two years. I agree that, if necessary to successfully complete the program, I will participate in the program up to the two year period regardless of the statutory maximum sentence that may apply to my underlying offense.

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13. I understand that should I fail to complete the Drug Court Program satisfactorily, I will be removed from the Program and will be prosecuted as provided by law.

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14. I understand that I have a constitutional right to a speedy trial, and that pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 600, the Commonwealth must bring my case to trial within 365 days from the date of the filing of the criminal complaint charging me if I am not in jail (within 180 days if I am in jail) and that if my case is not brought to trial within 365 days (or 180 days if applicable) from the filing of the criminal complaint, I can ask the Court to dismiss all charges against me.

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15. I understand that, if accepted into the Drug Court Program, I must waive my right to a speedy trial under any applicable federal or state constitutional provisions, statutes or rules of court from the date I sign this application for admission into the Program until I either satisfactorily complete the Program or until the last scheduled day of the criminal trial week of the criminal court trial list to which my case(s) is assigned next following the date I am removed from the Program.

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16. I understand that, if I am not accepted into the Drug Court Program, I must waive the appropriate statute of limitations and my right to a speedy trial under any applicable federal or state constitutional provisions, statutes or rules of court from the date I sign this application for admission into the Program until the last scheduled day of the criminal trial week of the criminal court trial list to which my case(s) is assigned next following the date of my rejection.

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17. I agree to waive the appropriate statute of limitations and my right to a speedy trial under any applicable federal or state constitutional provisions, statutes or rules of court, as described in statements 14, 15, and 16 above.

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18. I understand that while my Drug Court application is being processed, my case may be listed for trial by being placed on a criminal trial list, and if that happens, my Drug Court application will act as an automatic continuance request of my trial so that the Drug Court application process can be completed.

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19. I agree that my Drug Court application will act as a continuance request if my case is listed for trial, so that the Drug Court process can be completed.

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20. I understand that Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 572 permits me, or my attorney, to serve a written request for a Bill of Particulars upon the District Attorney of Chester County within seven (7) days of my arraignment date. The request must set forth the specific particulars sought by me and the reasons why the particulars are requested.

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21. I understand that Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 573 permits me, or my attorney, to file a formal Motion for Pretrial Discovery and Inspection within fourteen (14) days from my arraignment date.

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22. I understand that Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 579 permits me, or my attorney, to file an Omnibus Pretrial Motion for Relief which must be filed and served within thirty (30) days after my arraignment date, unless the opportunity therefore did not exist for me, or my attorney, or the District Attorney, was not aware of the grounds for the motion or unless the time for filing has been extended by the Court for cause shown.

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23. I understand that Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 578 sets forth the types of relief requested in such an omnibus pretrial motion to include, but is not limited to, the following: (1) Continuance; (2) Severance; (3) Suppression of evidence; (4) Psychiatric examination; (5) Quash the information; (6) Change the venue; (7) Disqualify a judge; (8) Appointment of investigator; (9) Pretrial conference.

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24. I understand that if I am refused admission to the Program or removed from the Program that I will continue to have the rights listed in statements 20, 21, 22 and 23 above.

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25. I understand that if I am removed from the Program I do not have an automatic right to a preliminary hearing and will have to apply to the Court to have a preliminary hearing. I understand that the Court may reject my request for a preliminary hearing unless I can show good cause for the remand.

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26. I understand that if I have any questions concerning the Drug Court Program or the Drug Court application or colloquy, I will discuss these matters with my private attorney, Public Defender, a Court appointed attorney if I request one, or member of the Drug Court team or the Court if I am not represented by an attorney. If I am unable to afford an attorney, I understand that the Court will appoint an attorney for me.

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27. I understand that to ensure that my rights are protected, it is recommended that I obtain an attorney to represent me. If I am without sufficient resources to employ an attorney, I can make an application to the Chester County Public Defender or simply ask the Court to appoint counsel to assist me in understanding the application process, the requirements of the Drug Court Program and the required waiver of my rights to enter the Program.

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28. I understand that my failure to complete all the required Drug Court forms truthfully, completely and accurately will result in my Drug Court application being denied, or my removal from the Drug Court Program.

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29. I understand that I have a continuing obligation to report any contacts with the criminal justice system or the police that occur after the filing of my Drug Court application, and my failure to do so will result in my Drug Court application being denied, or my removal from the Drug Court Program.

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30. I understand that, upon recommendation of the Drug Court Treatment Team, I may be removed from the Drug Court Program. Should this be the recommendation, I will be given notice of the recommendation and of a recorded court review session. At the review session it will be determined by the Drug Court Judge whether to follow the removal recommendation. I may have counsel with me to assist me in responding to the treatment team recommendation, but, consistent with the treatment court philosophy, I must communicate directly with the Drug Court Judge.

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31. I understand that should I be removed from the Drug Court Program I may not file a legal challenge to that removal or the removal procedure until my charges are finally resolved in this Court.

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32. I understand that, in addition to any Program requirements set forth in the Drug Court application or colloquy, I must successfully complete any treatment program and any other term or condition imposed by the Drug Court Judge. **I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT I MAY NOT FILE A LEGAL CHALLENGE OR APPEAL ANY CONDITION OR SANCTION IMPOSED BY THE COURT IN THE PROGRAM, OTHER THAN THROUGH THE CHALLENGE PROCESS FOR TESTING OR MONITORING SET FORTH HEREIN. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY ONLY REMEDY TO AVOID THE IMPOSITION OF A CONDITION OR SANCTION IS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PROGRAM.**

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33. I understand that if I withdraw or am removed from the Program that my pre-Program bail amount and conditions will be reimposed if previously reduced and further understand that additional bail conditions may be imposed, including but not limited to random drug or alcohol testing, treatment, electronic monitoring, and increased monetary bail.

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34. I understand that a participant with chronic pain requiring repeated use of prescription pain medication (opiate, opiate-based or benzodiazepine medications) are not good candidates for the Drug Court Program. If you choose to participate in the Drug Court Program, you will not be able to continue using the prescription pain medication. You will be required to work with a physician to detox from the pain medication in a timeframe established by the Drug Court Program.

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35. I understand if I am accepted into the Drug Court Program, the Commonwealth shall not be required to preserve the controlled substance(s) recovered in my case. I further agree to stipulate, at the time I am admitted into the Program or at the earliest possible time thereafter, that a laboratory report regarding the controlled substance(s) in question is accurate, fairly identifies the controlled substance(s), and is admissible without challenge at a preliminary hearing or trial.
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36. **For Combined ARD – Drug Court Program:** I understand that I must successfully complete both the ARD and Drug Court Programs and that failure to successfully complete either program will result in my removal from both programs.
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Chester County Drug Court Colloquy Addendum  
Due Process / Right to Counsel or *Pro Se* Participation Addendum

1. I understand that the purpose of this addendum is to explain and clarify my Due Process rights and right to representation by counsel while I am a participant in Drug Court.  

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2. I understand that Due Process refers to my right and the procedure to challenge recommendations made by the Drug Court team or District Attorney to either sanction me to a period of jail time for alleged violations of Drug Court conditions or terminate my participation in the program.  

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3. I understand and agree that my right to challenge recommendations made by the Drug Court team, other than the challenge to drug test procedure explained elsewhere in the colloquy, is limited to sanctions with the possibility of jail time or termination from the program.  

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4. I understand that the right to counsel refers to my right to be represented by an attorney at proceedings that will effect my participation in Drug Court.  

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5. I understand that *Pro Se* participation refers to my right to be present and participate in proceedings that will effect my participation in Drug Court without an attorney.  

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6. I understand that I may attend Drug Court treatment team meetings accompanied by counsel. However, only my counsel may speak on my behalf at those meetings, unless requested to do so by the Drug Court Team.  

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7. I understand that I have the right to represent myself in applying to, entering and participating in Drug Court. This is referred to as proceeding *pro se*. If I proceed *pro se* while participating in Drug Court, I understand that I have the right to attend treatment team meetings concerning my case and speak on my own behalf at those meetings.  

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8. Understanding my rights of self representation as stated above, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive my right to regularly attend treatment team meetings concerning my case, but reserve the right to attend such specific meetings as I shall indicate.
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9. I understand and agree that should I be accused of violating a condition or conditions of Treatment Court that may result in a sanction of incarceration, and dispute that violation, I will be entitled to a hearing at which the Treatment Court Judge will determine if the violation occurred.
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10. I understand and agree that should I challenge the factual basis of a sanction for which imprisonment may be imposed the Treatment Court Judge will preside over the hearing concerning that challenge.
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11. I further understand that if I admit to a violation of a condition or conditions of Treatment Court that admission may not be used against me in any other criminal proceeding with the exception of a request by the Commonwealth to terminate my participation in Treatment Court.
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12. I understand that upon being given notice of a sanction/violation hearing, I may voluntarily withdraw from the Drug Court Program without further proceedings or the sanction being imposed.
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13. I understand that should I proceed to a hearing and be unsuccessful, any costs attendant to that hearing will be assessed against me, including but not limited to any fees for expert testimony and written reports.
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14. I understand that should I proceed to a hearing and the Court finds that a violation occurred I may still voluntarily withdraw from Drug Court and avoid the imposition of a sanction subject to the same costs as outlined above.
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15. I hereby agree to defer any right of appeal or review of the Court's violation or sanction decision until my case is resolved by final Order.

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16. I hereby voluntarily waive any right to seek recusal of the presiding Treatment Court Judge for violation or sanction hearings.

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17. I understand that a finding of a violation by the Court, in addition to other violations of Drug Court conditions, after a hearing may result in my removal from Treatment Court. I understand that should the Commonwealth seek termination, I will receive appropriate Notice of a hearing.

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18. I understand that if the Commonwealth requests that I be removed from Drug Court, I will be given notice in writing to that effect, stating the reasons for removal. At that time I will also receive written notice of the date and time for a hearing as to whether I will be removed from participating in Drug Court.

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19. I understand that I have the right to confer with and be represented by counsel at any removal hearing. If I am unrepresented and cannot afford counsel, I may make application to the Public Defenders Office for counsel.

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20. At any removal hearing, either *pro se* or through counsel, I may request, stating my reasons for recusal, that the Drug court Judge recuses himself or herself from presiding over that hearing. If the Drug Court Judge determines that he or she cannot be impartial, they shall grant my request for recusal and the removal hearing shall be scheduled before a different Judge.

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21. I hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive my right to seek review of the decision of the President Judge in the appointment of the Termination Hearing Judge.

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22. For Termination Hearing purposes, I hereby waive any additional proof regarding prior violations of Drug Court conditions for which I have been sanctioned.

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23. I hereby agree to defer my right of appeal or review of the termination decision of the Court until my criminal matter is resolved by final order.

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VERIFICATION OF DRUG COURT APPLICATION AND COLLOQUY

I hereby swear (or affirm) that I have read the foregoing application, rules, explanation and waiver of rights and colloquy relating to the Drug Court Program in its entirety and I understand the full meaning of each and agree to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Drug Court Program set forth therein. I have received a copy of the first six (6) pages of this document.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that each and every answer to the above questions is true and accurate.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that I fully understand that if any of the information provided above is false or misleading, my application for admission to the Drug Court Program will be denied or I will be removed from the Program and my case will be prosecuted as provided by law.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that I fully understand that providing false or misleading information may also result in my being charged and prosecuted for additional crimes, including but not limited to, perjury, false swearing, and/or unsworn falsification to authorities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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As attorney for the above defendant or counsel advising the defendant on the application and application process, I have advised the defendant of his / her rights with respect to the charges against him / her. I have also advised the defendant of the contents and meaning of the application and colloquy and any explanation of the Drug Court Program and waiver of rights. I verify that it is my belief that the defendant understands the rights which he / she is waiving. I also verify that it is my belief that the defendant understands the contents and meaning of this application for admission into the Drug Court Program and the requirements of the Drug Court Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY

CHESTER COUNTY DRUG COURT PROGRAM  
CONSENT TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby consent to and authorize:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF PERSON/FACILITY/ORGANIZATION)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS/CITY/STATE /TELEPHONE)

to release the following information pertaining to MYSELF; the information to be disclosed is:

- Diagnosis, treatment recommendations, and basis
- Presence in treatment (including admission date, sessions scheduled/kept, and discharge date)
- Progress toward treatment goals/objectives
- Whether the client has relapsed into drug/alcohol use and frequency of such relapse
- Discharge status, prognosis, and aftercare recommendations
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

and the information is to be forwarded to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bail                   | <input type="checkbox"/> NHS Chester County                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Probation/Parole | <input type="checkbox"/> Gaudenzia West Chester Outpatient Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Attorney      | <input type="checkbox"/> Riverside Care                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defense Attorney       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Court Judge       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Liaisons        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____  |  |

This information is needed to enable judges, attorneys, probation/parole officers, other court officials or members of the drug court team to support treatment goals or make legal decisions on my behalf.

I understand that the above information has been disclosed from records whose confidentiality is protected by federal confidentiality of substance abuse patient record statute, section 543 of the Public Health Services Act 42, U.S.C. 290dd-2, and its implementing regulation, 42 C.F.R. part 2; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations; and, the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, 71 P.S. ss 1690.1010 et seq.

Federal regulations (42 CFR Part 2) prohibit any further disclosure unless further disclosure is expressly permitted by the written consent of the person to whom it pertains, or as otherwise permitted by such regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose. State regulations (Chapter 255.5 of the State Plan for the Prevention, Treatment, and Control of Drug and Alcohol Abuse) restrict the type of client information that can be released; with or without the client's consent.

I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by notifying my therapist verbally or in writing except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on my consent.

I understand that generally the above named treatment agency may not condition my treatment on whether I sign a consent form, but that in certain limited circumstances I may be denied treatment if I do not sign a consent form.

I have been offered a copy of this document and I have:      Accepted      Refused

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CLIENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

CHESTER COUNTY DRUG COURT PROGRAM  
CONSENT TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby consent to and authorize:

\_\_\_\_\_  
The Mental Health System and Contracted Providers  
(NAME OF PERSON/FACILITY/ORGANIZATION)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS/CITY/STATE /TELEPHONE)

to release the following information pertaining to MYSELF; the information to be disclosed is:

- Diagnosis, treatment recommendations, and basis
- Presence in treatment (including admission date, sessions scheduled/kept, and discharge date)
- Progress toward treatment goals/objectives
- Service History
- Discharge status, prognosis, and aftercare recommendations
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

and the information is to be forwarded to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bail                   | <input type="checkbox"/> NHS Chester County                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Probation/Parole | <input type="checkbox"/> Gaudenzia West Chester Outpatient Program |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Defense Attorney       | <input type="checkbox"/> Center for Addictive Diseases             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Court Judge       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Liaisons        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____  |  |

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\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CLIENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Chester County Drug Court Program Stipulation**

**(To be read to the trier of fact):**

The Commonwealth and the defendant stipulate that the item(s) recovered in

OTN# \_\_\_\_\_, item(s)# \_\_\_\_\_,

with a net weight of \_\_\_\_\_, contains \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Type of controlled substance)

We further stipulate that the attached Pennsylvania State Police Lab Report may be admitted at the preliminary hearing or trial, as evidence of the nature of the controlled substance and that the report accurately identifies the substance in question. The Commonwealth shall not be required to preserve the drugs in question.

**(Not to be read to the trier of fact):**

As an entrant into the Drug Court program, the defendant agrees that in the event of an eventual preliminary hearing or trial, he/she will not raise the issue of the destruction of the drugs. He/she further waives his/her right to a speedy trial and preliminary hearing. The waiver shall be in effect from the date you sign the application into the Drug Court program, until the last scheduled day of the criminal trial week next following the date of your rejection or removal from the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Defense Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ District Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

VS.

: CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

: CRIMINAL

: NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEFENDANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
OTN

**NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR DRUG COURT**

You are hereby directed to appear on \_\_\_\_\_  
At 8:30 a.m., in Courtroom #4, Chester County Justice Center, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

If you are admitted into the Drug Court Program, you will begin the program at that time.

If you are not admitted into the Drug Court Program you will be offered the chance to proceed to formal arraignment OR request a remand for a Preliminary Hearing. Remands for Preliminary Hearings will only be granted for good cause.

Failure to appear at this time and place will cause your application for Drug Court to be denied.

I hereby verify that I have received a copy of this notice to appear.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's address and telephone number

**DRUG COURT BENCH WARRANT HEARING WAIVER**

I am aware that, during the course of my participation in the Drug Court program, if I fail to appear for Court when required, or violate the conditions of my bail by failing to follow the requirements of Drug Court, there is the potential that a bench warrant for my arrest may be issued by the Court.

I am aware that effective August 1, 2006, pursuant to Rule 150 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, persons taken into custody on the authority of a Bench Warrant issued by a Court may, in certain circumstances, be entitled to a hearing within seventy-two (72) hours before a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. The purpose of this hearing is to dismiss the bench warrant and to address bail.

I am aware that the effect of this rule upon me as Drug Court participant is that, if I become subject to a Bench Warrant issued by the Drug Court Judge, I could appear before a Judge unfamiliar with my circumstances and history. As such, there is great potential that actions could be taken inconsistent with my Drug Court treatment plan.

Wishing to assure that, should I become subject to a bench warrant, I will appear before the Drug Court Judge, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive my rights pursuant to Rule 150 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure and request that I be brought before the Drug Court Judge as soon as possible, consistent with the business and scheduling of Drug Court. If the Drug Court Judge is unavailable for a period of in excess of five calendar days after execution of the bench warrant, I understand that I will be taken before another Judge after the five day period to address the bench warrant.

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Drug Court Participant

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Counsel

WAIVER OF  
PRELIMINARY HEARING  
COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA

Mag. Dist. No.:  
DJ Name: Hon.  
Address:  
Telephone:

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I, the undersigned, certify that I waive my right to a preliminary hearing. I understand that I have a right to this hearing, at which time I have the right to:

- 1. be represented by counsel,
- 2. cross-examine witnesses,
- 3. inspect physical evidence offered against me,
- 4. call witnesses on my own behalf, offer evidence on my own behalf, and testify,
- 5. make written notes of the proceedings or have my own counsel do so, and make a stenographic, mechanical, or electronic record of the proceedings.

I understand that if a prima facie case of guilt is not established against me at this hearing, the charges against me would be dismissed.

- I have had a preliminary arraignment during which I was advised of my right to have a preliminary hearing and of my right to counsel.
- I have received a summons wherein I was advised of my right to have a preliminary hearing and of my right to counsel.

I knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently make this waiver of my preliminary hearing.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Defendant)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Attorney)

Attorney for Defendant (if any)

I HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE DEFENDANT HAS MADE A KNOWING, VOLUNTARY, AND INTELLIGENT WAIVER OF HIS RIGHT TO A PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires first Monday of January,

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF: CHESTER

WAIVER OF COUNSEL

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, have been informed that I have the right to have a lawyer represent me, and if I cannot afford one, one will be afforded to me without cost.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand the nature of the charges against me and the elements of each of those charges.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am aware of the permissible range of sentences and/or fines for the offenses charged.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that if I waive the right to counsel I will still be bound by all normal rules of procedure and that counsel will be familiar with these rules.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that if there are possible defenses to these charges, counsel will be aware of them and if such defenses are not raised at trial, the right to raise the defenses may be lost permanently.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that, in addition to defenses, I have many rights that, if not timely asserted, may be lost permanently; and that if errors occur and are not timely objected to, or otherwise timely raised by me, correction of these errors may be permanently unavailable to me.

I knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waive these rights and choose to act as my own lawyer at this hearing/trial.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Defendant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE DEFENDANT HAS MADE A KNOWING, VOLUNTARY, AND INTELLIGENT WAIVER OF HIS RIGHT TO COUNSEL.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_