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Fifth Judicial District Drug Court announces graduation *One participant completes intensive supervision, treatment program*

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. – After more than 2 ½ years of participating in intensive supervision and treatment through the Summit County Drug Court, client Clinton Machamer has successfully completed the program and recently celebrated his graduation.

In the program, Machamer, who started the program in July 2011 and graduated Feb. 7, 2014, was required to complete all his court-ordered treatment, remain steadily employed, obtain stable housing and remain drug, alcohol and crime-free.

In addition he was required to create and complete a community project. Machamer created a Facebook page to increase awareness of sober activities in Summit County, and advertised the activities locally.

“The Clinton Machamer we all see today is very different from the Clinton Machamer who was first placed on regular probation in 2009,” said District Judge Karen A. Romeo, who presides over the Drug Court. “Clinton has completely turned his life around. He has repaired and rebuilt important family relationships and he has wonderful goals for the future.”

The Summit County Drug Court has eight participants, all with requirements similar to those Machamer agreed to upon acceptance into the program. He was the fifth person to graduate from the program, which began in fall 2010.

The court program is supported by the offices of the District Attorney and Public Defender, private defense counsel, Mind Springs Health, the Summit County Sheriff's Office and the 5th Judicial District (Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake and Summit counties) Probation Department. The court and its supporters are committed to an integrated and collaborative model of treatment, accountability and rehabilitation of drug-dependent offenders. The court's goal is to further community safety and foster healthy lifestyles for individuals and families while reducing incarceration costs and recidivism.

Colorado is home to more than 70 problem-solving courts operating in each of the state's 22 judicial districts. Such courts include adult and juvenile drug courts, family/dependency and neglect courts, DUI courts, adult and juvenile mental health courts and veteran trauma courts.