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Adams County Drug Court to graduate first program participant

BRIGHTON – The Adams County Drug Court marks a milestone on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, when the Court’s first participant is scheduled to graduate from the program. A graduation celebration will be held at 3:30 p.m. in courtroom 605 of the Adams County Justice Center (1100 Judicial Center Drive in Brighton). Refreshments will be served.

“I am extremely proud of our first graduate, and all of our drug court participants, for making the commitment to live clean and sober,” said County Court Judge Leroy Kirby, who presides over the Adams County Drug Court. “Having been a part of this Court since its inception, I am pleased with the progress being made and am steadfast in my belief that problem-solving courts work and make a positive difference in our community.”

The Adams County Drug Court was launched in October 2011 and currently has 23 participants in the program. The first graduate completed the program in 601 days.

In addition to the Court, the program is supported by local treatment providers, law enforcement, the Department of Probation Services, and the offices of the District Attorney and Public Defender. 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 costs and recidivism.

Colorado is home to more than 75 problem-solving courts operating in 20 of the state's 22 judicial districts. Colorado's problem-solving courts include adult and juvenile drug courts, family/dependency and neglect courts, DUI courts, adult and juvenile mental health courts and veteran trauma courts.

Judge Kirby will preside over a regular drug court docket before the graduation celebration. Media and the public are invited to attend. Cameras are welcome for the graduation portion of the docket.

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