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## **Second class set to graduate from 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Recovery Court**

CENTENNIAL, Colo. – The 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Recovery Court is pleased to announce that two court participants are scheduled to graduate from the program on Friday, March 14, 2014. This is the second graduating class from Recovery Court and brings the total number of participants completing the program to six.

“Our two Recovery Court graduates instill us with hope and inspire us to continue our commitment to addicts in the criminal justice system,” said Magistrate Bonnie McLean, who presides over the Recovery Court. “If not for their addictions it is highly unlikely that either one of them would have been charged with a crime. Through their own hard work and determination, as well as close probation monitoring and effective addiction treatment, these two graduates have successfully completed the program and established their own recovery. Both have dreams to complete college, establish careers and families, and live the lives they were destined to live.”

There are currently 25 participants enrolled in the Recovery Court. Program participants receive intensive supervision, treatment and judicial oversight. The goal of this problem-solving court is to reduce criminal recidivism for offenders with substance dependence while promoting public safety.

“I continue to be impressed with the hard work and dedication put forth by the Recovery Court team and court participants and I commend them for their accomplishments,” said 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Chief Judge William B. Sylvester. “There is no doubt in my mind that these courts work and make a positive difference for our community.”

The Recovery Court is a collaborative effort among the 18th Judicial District, Addiction Research Treatment Services (ARTS), Arapahoe House, Probation Department, Office of the District Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, and Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office.

The graduation celebration is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. following the court’s regular 1:30 p.m. docket in Courthouse One, Courtroom 201, of the Arapahoe County Justice Center (7325 S. Potomac Street, Centennial, CO 80112). The court’s docket and graduation celebration are open to the public. Refreshments will be served in the jury assembly room following the graduation.

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.