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DEFERRED PROSECUTION PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office offers the Deferred Prosecution Program (DPP) to first time criminal offenders who meet certain program requirements. This Program is designed to give eligible applicants an opportunity to learn from and make amends for their mistakes. If the program is successfully completed: 1) case against applicant will be dismissed, and 2) applicant is eligible for an immediate expunction. The completed application must be turned in to the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office within **90 days** of the filing of the applicant's case. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Untimely applications will not be considered.

Your application must include the following items:

- DPP Questionnaire, fully completed by the applicant.
- Two (2) signed letters of recommendation. Each letter must state that it is written by a person who is not a relative or co-defendant, state that the writer has known the applicant for at least three (3) years, and state the nature of the pending criminal charge.
- Personal statement. (page 6)
- High school transcript, diploma, college transcript or GED certificate.
- Negative drug test, given at the Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. (Necessary paperwork will be provided when application is turned in to obtain drug test)
- Non-refundable initial program fee of \$25.00.

Notice to Applicant: If you have any questions regarding your case or the application process, please do not call the Criminal District Attorney's Office. The Criminal District Attorney's Office is legally prohibited from answering your questions. Please direct all questions to your attorney.

DEFERRED PROSECUTION PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE

The questions on this form are to be answered **BY THE APPLICANT**, completely and legibly. Answer all questions. Tell the truth. Your responses will be verified through an extensive investigation.

1. Full Name: _____
 LAST **FIRST** **MIDDLE**

Maiden Name: _____ Nickname: _____

List any other names used: _____

2. Home Address: _____ Apartment #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

3. Date of Birth: _____ Current Age: _____

4. Gender: _____ Race: _____

Social Security Number: _____

5. Driver License, State ID, or Learner's Permit Number: _____

Has your license ever been suspended or revoked? Yes / No (circle one)

If yes, explain: _____

6. Telephone number (where a message may be left for you): _____

7. Email Address: _____

8. With the exception of this case, have you ever been arrested or placed in jail on suspicion of any criminal or traffic violations? Yes / No (circle one) If yes, complete the following:

| <u>CHARGE</u> | <u>CITY & STATE</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>POLICE AGENCY</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

9. Are you currently or have you ever been diagnosed with or been prescribed medication for a mental disease or disorder? Yes / No (circle one) If yes, please explain and list the medication prescribed: _____

10. (A) Present Employer: _____
Phone: _____
Starting Date: _____
Title: _____ Duties: _____
Supervisor's Name: _____

(B) Past Employer: _____
Phone: _____
Starting Date: _____ End Date: _____
Title: _____ Duties: _____
Supervisor's Name: _____
Reason for leaving: _____

11. Have you ever used or do you currently use any illegal drugs, such as marijuana, heroin, cocaine, LSD, pills (for which you do not have a prescription) or other hallucinogens? Yes / No (circle one) If yes, list what drugs, the dates and extent of your usage:

12. List all immediate relatives (spouse, parents, siblings, children):

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>AGE</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

13. High School: _____ City/State: _____

Attended from: _____ To: _____

Graduated? Yes / No (circle one) If no, state reasons: _____

14. GED: Yes / No (circle one) If yes, when and from what school? _____

15. College: _____ City/State: _____

Attended from: _____ To: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____ Degree: _____

Graduated? Yes / No (circle one) If no, state reasons: _____

16. What social media do you use? _____

What is your log in ID for each? _____

What is the password for each? _____

CHARACTER REFERENCES

Please list the names of the TWO (2) people who have provided reference letters for you. Include the reference letters with your application. A relative or co-defendant may not provide reference letter.

- 1. Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Phone: _____ Number of years known: _____
In what capacity (friend, fellow worker, etc.): _____

- 2. Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Phone: _____ Number of years known: _____
In what capacity (friend, fellow worker, etc.): _____

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

1. Why should you be considered for the Deferred Prosecution Program?

2. What do you hope to learn from this program?

3. Use this space for any further information you wish to add:

CERTIFICATE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____, who after being duly sworn deposes and says:

I swear the answers I gave to each and all of the foregoing questions true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ____ day of _____, ____.

Notary in for the State of Texas

My commission Expires: _____

CAUSE NO. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE _____

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v.

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COURT NO. _____

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TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND JUDICIAL ADMISSIONS

I, _____, the Defendant herein, voluntarily and knowingly waive the following rights and enter the following judicial admission and confession:

Waiver of Right to Counsel

I understand that, if accepted into the Deferred Prosecution Program, I will be placed on an informal and unofficial probationary period to be determined by the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office. As part of that program, I will need to communicate with attorneys and staff members of the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office. I also understand that I have a right to counsel under the United States and Texas Constitutions. After being fully informed of my rights, I hereby waive my Constitutional rights to counsel to the extent necessary for participation in the Deferred Prosecution Program so that I can communicate with attorneys and staff members of the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office outside the presence of my attorney.

(initials)

Waiver of Right to a Speedy Trial

I understand that I have the absolute right to a speedy trial under the United States and Texas Constitutions and under the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. After being fully informed of my rights, I believe that a speedy trial is not in my best interest and I hereby waive my Constitutional and statutory rights to a speedy trial. I further waive any right to move for discharge under the speedy trial provision prior to trial.

(initials)

Waiver of Right to an Indictment

I understand that I have the right to an indictment by a grand jury in a felony case. After being fully informed of my rights, I believe that an indictment is not in my best interest and I hereby waive my right to a grand jury indictment.

(initials)

Waiver of Right to Confront and Cross-Examine Witnesses

I understand that I have the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against me under the United States and Texas Constitutions and under the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. After being fully informed of my rights, I hereby waive my Constitutional and statutory rights to confront and cross-examine witnesses against me. If I am charged with possession of marihuana, a dangerous drug or any other controlled substance, I specifically waive my right to confront witnesses to the possession or testing of the drugs, and my right to contest any drug testing results related to this charge.

(initials)

Waiver of Right to Remain Silent

I understand that I have the right to remain silent and not to be compelled to give evidence against myself under the United States and Texas Constitutions and under the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. After being fully informed of my rights, I hereby waive my Constitutional and statutory right to remain silent and not to be compelled to give evidence against myself. I understand that any judicial confession, admission or stipulation may be admitted against me in a court of law and may serve as a legally binding confession to the offense of _____.

(initials)

Judicial Confession, Admission and Stipulation of Evidence

I, by my signature below, and after being fully advised of my rights connected with this case and the consequences of waiving those rights by my attorney of record, _____

_____ do admit that, in Tarrant County, on or about the _____, did commit the offense of _____. I am guilty of the instant offense and all lesser included offenses.

If I am charged with an offense of possession of marihuana, a dangerous drug or any other controlled substance, I specifically waive any drug testing related to this case; and admit and stipulate that the substance in my possession was _____.

(initials)

SIGNED this ____ day of _____, 20 .

DEFENDANT

APPROVED:

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT

LETTER OF REFERENCE

FOR: _____ DATE _____

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is _____ and I have personally known
_____ for _____ years. I know this person in the capacity as their*:

___ Teacher ___ Coach ___ Pastor ___ Co-worker ___ Friend ___ Other: _____

Please give details of (1) how you met, (2) in what capacity, (3) how long you have known them and (4) describe their character traits and any other relevant information about them that will help us know them:

I am aware of the pending _____ charges against _____.

(Please use additional pages if necessary. We cannot accept letters from relatives or employers.)

Please contact me if you need further information.

BY: _____
Printed Name* My Occupation*

Signature*

Address* City* Zip*

Telephone* Fax
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