

**IN THE STATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

Standing Order- Drug Screen Policy

By the direction of Houston County State Court Judge Jason Ashford, Sentinel Offender Services shall follow the following Standard Operation Procedure for drug screen requirements.

IT IS HEREBY CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, as follows:

Probation Case Managers in the Warner Robins Office are required to drug screen 10 percent of their total probation caseload every month. The Case Manager will use the Drug Screen Progress Report and will also use personal observation to identify clients requiring screens. The cost of each screen will be added as a "one time fee" on the probationer's case balance. The amount charged will be \$20 per screen for a 5-6 panel drug screen or \$30 per screen for a 10 panel drug screen. If a non-negative result for any controlled substance other than Marijuana (THC) is obtained, the Case Manager will submit a Violation of Probation Warrant to management and the Court for approval. If an offender has a non-negative result for the drug Marijuana (THC), and the probationer is reporting and making the agreed-upon monthly payment as directed, the Case Manager may follow the following procedure at his or her discretion.

First non-negative screen: The Case Manager will require the probationer to report weekly and attend 3 NA/AA meetings per week. The Case Manager will provide a NA/AA sign-in-sheet for documentation of attendance, and this form is to be submitted at each meeting. This will be required until a negative drug screen is obtained. Failure to abide by this condition will result in a Violation of Probation Warrant being submitted to management and the Court for approval.

Second non-negative screen: The Case Manager will require the defendant to obtain a drug evaluation from an accredited treatment facility. The defendant will be required to complete a Release of Information Form at the treatment facility to enable the Case Manager to obtain the results of the evaluation and the recommended treatment plan. The defendant will be required to follow the treatment plan to satisfy the treatment facility. Failure to abide by the condition will result in a Violation of Probation Warrant being submitted to management and the Court for approval.

Third non-negative screen: The Case Manager will immediately submit a Violation of Probation Warrant for management and the Court for approval.

The Case Manager will witness the offender call someone for a ride from the office if a non-negative screen result is obtained. The Case Manager will send any screen sample to a accredited Laboratory for confirmation when a stipulation is not made by the probationer.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Standing Order will remain in effect until such time as the Judge of the State Court of Houston County may choose to rescind or modify, said Order.

SO ORDERED, this 5 day of March, 2015.

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HOUSTON COUNTY**

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Honorable Jason E. Ashford, Judge

Kendra H. Simons, Clerk