

Montgomery County Adult Drug Court Facts

Total participants admitted to date: 31

Total active participants: 24

- Phase I = 4 participants (3 to 6 months long, Court weekly)
- Phase II = 9 participants (3 to 6 months long, Court every other week)
- Phase III = 11 participants (4 to 6 months long, Court every other week)
- 2 participants have been unsuccessfully discharged due to AWOL status/new charges

Total number of graduates: 5

Average length of stay in Drug Court for our 5 graduates = 391 days

Examples of sanctions used in Drug Court thus far:

- No AA/NA meeting slip = 8 hours of community service
- Late to Court = 8 hours of community service
- No medical documentation to support missing a treatment session = 8 hours of community service
- If there is a missed appointment with Probation Agent = Seeing the Agent once a week for 4 weeks in a row
- Phase demotions may occur due to non-compliance in treatment, repeated positive drug tests, and re-arrests while participating in Drug Court
- If a participant receives a new criminal charge while in Drug Court, they are required to attend Court weekly until the resolution of the case, regardless of their current Phase status. Examples of charges incurred while in The Drug Court include: Citation for shoplifting, Uttering/Forgery, Attempted Robbery in the 1st and 2nd degree, Possession of Marijuana and paraphernalia, citation for Driving While Revoked, Burglary and check related charges, citation for driving with a suspended license, citation for buying alcohol as a minor. Typically, there is a VOP hearing in front of the Drug Court Judge, and the participant is continued on Probation upon successful completion of the Drug Court.
- For those individuals who relapse we mandate several different interventions which could be going to ARTC's 28 day rehab program, increased AA/NA attendance, short periods of incarceration, mandate to live in sober housing, JAS, PRC for varying lengths of time.
- For those who tamper with their drug test = jail sanction

Examples of incentives used in Drug Court thus far:

- Judicial praise
- Claps in the Courtroom for varying lengths of sobriety
- Phase advancement certificates

- \$25.00 gift certificate upon completion of Phase II of the Drug Court program
- \$50.00 gift certificate upon completion of the Drug Court program

All of our participants are drug tested 2 times a week, with a possible third time over with weekend at PRC. For the weekend drug screen, names are randomly selected using a computer program at OAS, our treatment provider for the Drug Court.

Full-time employment is a requirement for every Drug Court participant. For that reason, Drug Court is held Thursday's at 6PM, allowing participants to meet their weekly/biweekly court obligation.

The Drug Court team has partnered with the Pre-Release and Reentry Center, allowing Drug Court to utilize PRRS's increased level of supervision for three purposes:

- 1) As a treatment sanction, participants can be mandated to live at PRRS for varying lengths of time (a minimum of 30 days, and up to three months) in order to stabilize their drug addiction, while still having the ability to continue working and attending treatment at OAS.
- 2) As a sanction for not obtaining employment, non-compliance with treatment, or otherwise breaking the rules of the Drug Court.
- 3) If there is no stable, drug-free housing available to a participant, or if a participant is homeless upon admission into the Drug Court.

Sharp-Eyed Md. Driver Carries Woman From Fire

Cigarette Tossed Near Gaithersburg Home

By DAN MORSE
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Montgomery County plumber Jack Hitt was about to start eating his McDonald's double-cheeseburger combo meal this weekend when things took a dramatic turn.

He was inside in his 1988 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, heading to a friend's home in Gaithersburg. Approaching Brenish Drive, he saw smoke and flames coming from the back of a two-story colonial house. He turned left onto the road and got out to investigate.

It was a decision that paid off in a big way, county fire officials said.

"We think he saved a life," said Pete Piringer, a spokesman for the county's Department of Fire and Rescue Services.

Hitt, 24, drove up to the house, in the 7300 block, shortly before 4 p.m. Saturday. After getting out, he joined a neighbor in a fruitless effort to find a working garden hose to spray at the fire, Hitt said.

As more people gathered, someone said an elderly woman who was very sick lived in the house, Hitt said in an interview. One of the neighbors used a fire extinguisher to crack a window, and Hitt said he kicked out the rest. A neighbor helped hoist him into the room.

As it turned out, he said, he arrived in the room where the woman was. Fire officials did not identify her.

Hitt described her as bedridden with an oxygen tank nearby. She didn't say anything. "She was completely helpless," he said. "I could see in her eyes she was scared to death."

He went to open the home's front door and returned to the woman's room, picking her up and carrying her out of the house. Hitt said the front of the house was smoky but not in flames. When he and the

woman were outside, Hitt said, neighbors across the street waved him over, and he took the woman inside their home.

A short time later, the first firefighters arrived and found that the blaze had spread greatly. Eventually, about 55 fire personnel were on the scene, and it took about 20 minutes to control the blaze. Damage to the house was estimated at \$200,000.

Between four and six people lived in the house, Piringer said, but only the ill woman was home at the time of the fire. A caregiver who was on her way to the house arrived to see firetrucks outside, Piringer said.

Piringer said a cigarette discarded behind the house, near a deck, probably started the fire. The elderly woman was taken to a hospital for observation.

Hitt said he never did eat his food. But by the time he arrived at his friend's house, the grill was going, and he had quite a story to tell.

THE LOTTERIES

March 12

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| Mid-Day Lucky Numbers: | 7-5-4 |
| Lucky Red Ball: | White |
| Mid-Day D.C. 4: | 1-0-8-7 |
| Lucky Numbers (Sat.): | 5-4-1 |
| Lucky Red Ball (Sat.): | White |
| Lucky Numbers (Sun.): | 2-1-5 |
| Lucky Red Ball (Sun.): | Red |
| D.C. 4 (Sat.): | 3-0-0-5 |
| D.C. 4 (Sun.): | 4-7-0-8 |
| Rolling Cash 5 (Sat.): | 1-7-8-20-23 |
| Rolling Cash 5 (Sun.): | 4-9-15-20-21 |
| Daily 6 (Sat.): | 8-25-26-30-31-37 *10 |
| Daily 6 (Sun.): | 5-6-22-25-32-38 *8 |

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| Mid-Day Pick-3: | 4-8-6 |
| Mid-Day Pick-4: | 5-6-7-0 |