

PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING DUI DRUG COURT DEFENDANTS INTO PROGRAM

1. State Attorney offers DUI Court as part of plea agreement at Pretrial Conference/Mandatory Docket.
2. Defendant is given court date by a County Court Judge before Felony DUI Drug Court Judge the following Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.
3. The State Attorney handling the Defendant's case or his designee shall be present for the court date set before the DUI Drug Court Judge.
4. Defendant goes to Drug Court and applies for acceptance into DUI Drug Court Program.
5. Drug Court interviews Defendant and accepts/rejects Defendant for DUI Drug Court Program.
6. Drug Court notifies Defendant in writing or in Court whether or not accepted/rejected.
7. If accepted or rejected, Defendant appears before DUI Drug Court Judge on date previously set and Judge makes final decision to accept Defendant into program. If rejected, DUI Judge sets Arraignment back with County Court. If accepted, DUI judge takes plea and sentences Defendant.
8. Defendant serves whatever jail sentence is imposed and then reports to his probation officer and DUI Drug Court counselor within 72 hours of release from jail.