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## Judiciary Review Allows for Early Discharge of Rehabilitated Probationers

Judges across the state have concluded the supervisory terms of more than 500 adult and juvenile individuals who have demonstrated rehabilitation after a Probation Services review.

The prioritized review of 819 probationers resulted in 577 early termination orders, advancing the Supreme Court's action plan issued in July to ensure equal justice in the courts by avoiding protracted supervisory terms that no longer provide rehabilitative benefits. The majority of individuals were discharged completely from probation while others with financial obligations were converted to collections cases.

Under the Court-approved protocol, review for potential early termination from probation supervision is limited to adults and juveniles who:

- have completed at least half of their probation term
- have no pending probation violations
- have no indications of drug use in the last six months
- attend school or have maintained employment.
- were sentenced for a crime of the third-degree or less

Individuals serving a diversionary program or with special case types, such as domestic violence, sex offender, drug court and intensive supervision, are not eligible for consideration.

Probation Services will review future cases periodically to determine eligibility for early termination.