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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

DONNA McQUALITY, Clerk  
By: J. DEROIS

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
 ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
THERAPEUTIC COURT SCREENINGS )  
IN YAVAPAI COUNTY SUPERIOR ) No. 2022-05  
COURT )  
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The Yavapai County Superior Court has multiple therapeutic courts. These include the Recovery Courts and Veteran's Court. In consultation with our criminal justice partners, it has been determined a more streamlined approach is needed to determine which criminal defendants are eligible for these programs and to expedite entry into these therapeutic courts. The purpose behind this order is to expedite the processing of criminal cases and to provide needed treatment and therapy as quickly as possible to those in need.

To achieve these goals, a screening of potential participants must occur prior to any admission of guilt by the defendants. This screening process must also be done by someone not associated with the defense team and not formally covered by the attorney/client privilege. However, these screenings are only effective tools if the defendants can provide full and complete answers during the process.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, with the agreement of the Yavapai County Attorney's Office, any statement made by a defendant during a screening for participation in any therapeutic court in the Yavapai County Superior Court shall not be disclosed to the Yavapai County Attorney's Office without the consent of the defendant.

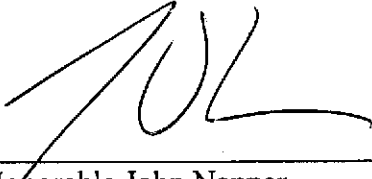
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, any statement made by a defendant during a screening for participation in any therapeutic court in Yavapai County Superior Court shall not be used in

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any evidentiary capacity (including impeachment) or any hearing or trial without the consent of the defendant.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, this order applies only to prosecutions pursued by the Yavapai County Attorney's Office. A defendant must seek a stipulation to be bound by this order from any other prosecutorial agency prior to conducting a therapeutic court screening. Any such stipulation must be filed with the court prior to the screening.

DATED at Prescott, Arizona, the 21 day of February, 2022.

  
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Honorable John Napper  
Yavapai County Presiding Judge