COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CHESTER COUNTY

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The Adult Probation and Parole Department of Chester County operates under the control of the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, and as such, its officers are Officers of the Court committed to provide the best service in areas of Probation and Parole supervision and investigations.

The Department's responsibility in its service to the Court is two fold: Protecting of society and participating in the supervision and social reintegration of County Adult Probationers and Parolees. The department must not lose sight of the rights of the public to be safe and secure as well as the supervised client's right to freedom.

SPECIALIZED SUPERVISION FOR CONVICTED SEXUAL OFFENDERS UNDER COUNTY PROBATION AND/OR PAROLE SUPERVISION

In 1986, the Chester County Adult Probation and Parole Department, initiated an Intensive Supervision Caseload for County Probated and Paroled Sexual Offenders. The philosophy of this specialized supervision focuses upon the following concepts:

- 1. Deviant sexual behavior is a chronic, compulsive, and addictive behavior. It begins early in life and the offender is progressive in behavior.
- 2. Sexual offenders are in need of strict supervision.
- 3. Supervision must include active, mandated, specialized sex offender treatment. Treatment should be highly structured and utilized controlled confrontation. The Probation and Parole Office must take an active role in the treatment process, to ensure that the offender is in compliance with all treatment rules and regulations. The treatment agent must maintain open lines of communication with the Adult Probation and Parole Department. This open communication enhances the monitoring and progress of the offender.

The Chester County Adult Probation and Parole Department's Intensive Supervision Unit for convicted sex offenders currently has 131 convicted Sex Offenders under active supervision. The criminal sexual behavior of these clients can be broken down, in general terms, as follows:

| I. | Sexual Assaults (Predominately Adult Victims) | 26 |
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| II. | Exhibitionists (Indecent Exposure) | 21 |
| III. | Other Offenses (Loitering and prowling, peeping in windows) | 5 |
| IV. | Child Molestation | 79 |
| | A: Regressed/Incestuous Offenders (Also known as Situational Offenders) | 45 |
| | B: Fixated Pedophiles (Also known as Child Predators) | 34 |

Two Probation and Parole Officers strictly monitor these clients. Both officers actively participate in the treatment process, for all those clients mandated to specialized sex offender treatment.

OBERSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

- 1. The Adult Probation and Parole Department of Chester County will continue to supervise and enforce any and all rules, orders, and conditions ordered by the Judges of Chester County.
- 2. The Chester County Adult Probation and Parole
 Department's Intensive Supervision Unit for Sex
 Offenders will continue to provide close, aggressive
 supervision of all sex offenders placed under the units
 supervision.
- 3. Sex offenders must be held accountable for their behaviors. Professionals charged with the responsibility of supervision and/or treatment of these clients must recognize this aspect when engaging in therapy with these clients.

- 4. Open communication and information networks, amongst the professionals responsible for supervision, treatment, and law-enforcement, enhance the monitoring and accountability of sex offenders and thus, these networks enhance the protection that the community receives from these clients.
- 5. Biased information, or information placed in the hands of non-professionals, may become a detriment to the supervision and monitoring of sex offenders. This, in turn, could result in a diminished state of protection that the community receives from these offenders.

Respectfully submitted,

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