



Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions
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To Whom It May Concern:

Matthew Miller is currently an active participant in Drug Treatment Court. Though Mr. Miller has struggled with an addiction to drugs he has been sober for 5 months. Most of Mr. Miller's criminal convictions occurred while he was addicted to drugs. Mr. Miller takes full responsibility for his actions and he is working very hard to change his lifestyle.

Mr. Miller started Drug Treatment Court on 12/5/2013. The La Crosse County Drug Treatment Court Program is a program designed to assist individuals who have been involved with the criminal court system as a result of their drug and alcohol addiction in addressing those addictions and making life changes to become productive citizens. It is an intensive program that offers treatment opportunities while under the supervision of the court. La Crosse County's program has been in existence since January 2002 and research statistics show impressive results in terms of recidivism.

Mr. Miller is meeting the requirements of the program. He is currently in Phase 1 and will be eligible to advance to Phase 2 in the beginning of March 2014. Mr. Miller successfully completed intensive outpatient treatment recently and will be starting an after care/continuing care group this week. Mr. Miller also recently started Thinking for a Change which is a cognitive behavioral program designed to address criminal thinking. Mr. Miller is randomly tested for the presence of drugs 2-3 times per week and randomly tested 4-5 times per week for the presence of alcohol; he has never had a positive urinalysis screen or breathalyzer.

Mr. Miller is working towards identified goals for his future. He wants to work, pay taxes, and contribute to society and to the community. One of the requirements of the Drug Treatment Court program is that participants be gainfully employed.

Mr. Miller did ask me to write this letter on his behalf in regards to a decision to deny his application for a taxi operator's license. Thank you very much for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns; I would be happy to talk to you.

Sincerely,

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