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MEDIA ADVISORY

Justice Wilder to Share Mental Health Court Successes and Celebrate St. Clair County Mental Health Court Graduation

- Who:** Justice Kurtis T. Wilder, Michigan Supreme Court
Judge John D. Tomlinson, Presiding Judge, 72nd District Court Adult Mental Health Court
- What:** Ceremony to honor the six newest graduates of the 72nd District Court Adult Mental Health Court and to share data from the new MSC Problem-Solving Court Annual Report, “Solving Problems, Saving Lives.”
- When:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 1:00PM
- Where:** County Building
201 McMorran Blvd., Room 2800
Port Huron, MI 48060
- Why:** The 72nd District Court Adult Mental Health Court was founded by Judge Tomlinson in 2008. The treatment program targets offenders who have been diagnosed with serious mental illnesses, emotional disturbances or developmental disability, and require the need for intensive clinical services. Since 2009, 220 participants have successfully completed this program.

Problem-solving courts are non-traditional courts that focus on nonviolent offenders whose underlying medical and social problems have contributed to recurring contacts with the criminal justice system. According to the latest Michigan Supreme Court annual report, “[Solving Problems, Saving Lives](#),” mental health court graduates were nearly two times less likely to commit another crime after two years. Also, more than half of unemployed adults participating in a mental health court found employment by the time they graduated.

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