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**Early Termination of Supervision** 

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#### ATTACHMENTS / FORMS:

A. Early Termination of Probation / Open Court / Informal Probation

**B.** Early Termination of Parole

C. Recommendation for Early Termination of Probation / Open Court / Informal Probation

D. Recommendation for Early Termination of Parole

AUTHORITY / REFERENCES:

22 AAC 05.155 AS 33.05.010
AS 33.30.013 AS 33.30.021
AS 33.05.020 AS 33.16.180
AS 33.16.210 AS 33.16.270
AS 11.41 AS 11.46.475-430
AS 11.56.740 AS 11.56.807

AS 11.56.810 DOC P&P 902.09

AS 11.61.120 DOC P&P 1000.01

#### **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections (DOC) that early termination of probation and/or parole supervision may be recommended for certain offenders who have met specific requirements established in statute.

## **APPLICATION:**

This policy and procedure will apply to all Departmental employees and all offenders.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

As used in this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

## Open Court / Informal Supervision:

Probation where there is no direct supervision by a probation officer (PO), instead the offender is monitored by the District Attorney's Office under conditions that are imposed by the Court.

## Crime Involving Domestic Violence:

This means one or more of the following offenses, or an offense under a law or ordinance of another jurisdiction having elements similar to those offenses, or any attempt to commit the offense, by a household member against another household member:

- (A) A crime against a person under AS 11.41;
- (B) Burglary under AS 11.46.300-11.46.310;

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- (C) Criminal Trespass under AS 11.46.320 11.46.330;
- (D) Arson or Criminally negligent burning under AS 11.46.400 11.46.430;
- (E) Criminal mischief under AS 11.46.475 11.46.486;
- (F) Terroristic threatening under AS 11.56.807 11.56.810;
- (G) Violating a protective order under 11.56.740(a)(1); or
- (H) Harassment under AS 11.61.120(a)(2) (4)

#### Sexual Felony

This means sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, sex trafficking in the first degree, sexual assault in the second degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, unlawful exploitation of a minor, distribution of child pornography, sexual assault in the third degree, incest, indecent exposure in the first degree, possession of child pornography, online enticement of a minor, and felony attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit those crimes.

#### **PROCEDURES:**

- I. Eligibility for Early Termination of Probation
  - A. For offenses committed on or before 07/08/2019, an offender is eligible for early termination of probation if the offender meets the following statutorily mandated requirements:
    - 1. Has not been convicted of an unclassified offense, a sex felony offense as defined in AS 12.55.185, or a crime involving domestic violence as defined in AS 18.66.990, as the current offense(s) for probation supervision;
    - 2. For an offense committed on or before 11/26/2017, has served at least one (1) year of the probation term if on probation for a Class C felony;
    - 3. For an offense committed between 11/27/2017 and 07/08/2019, has served at least 18 months of the probation term if on probation for a Class C felony;
    - 4. Has served at least two (2) years of the probation term if on probation for Class A or B felonies;
    - 5. Has completed any court-ordered treatment;
    - 6. Has not been found in violation of conditions of probation by the court for one (1) year for Class C felonies or two (2) years for Class A or B felonies; and
    - 7. Is currently in compliance with all conditions of probation.

Note: "In compliance" as used in section I, A means: the probationer has earned compliance credits for six (6) consecutive months and has fulfilled all other conditions of probation (e.g. completion of community work service, payment of restitution in full).

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- B. For offenses committed on or after 07/09/2019, an offender is eligible for early termination of probation if the offender meets the following statutorily mandated requirements:
  - 1. Has not been convicted of an unclassified offense, a sex felony offense as defined in AS 12.55.185, or a crime involving domestic violence as defined in AS 18.66.990, as the current offense(s) for probation supervision;
  - 2. Has completed at least 18 months of the probation term if on probation for as Class C felony;
  - 3. Has served at least two (2) years of the probation term if on probation for Class A or Class B felonies;
  - 4. Has completed all treatment programs required as a condition of probation;
  - 5. Has not been found in violation of conditions of probation by the court for eighteen (18) months for a Class C felony, or two (2) years for Class A or B felonies; and
  - 6. Is currently in compliance with all conditions of probation for which they are on probation for.
- II. Eligibility for Early Termination of Parole
  - A. For offenses committed on or before 07/08/2019, an offender is eligible for early termination of parole if the offender meets the following statutorily mandated requirements:
    - 1. Has not been convicted of an unclassified offense, a sex felony offense as defined in AS 12.55.185, or a crime involving domestic violence as defined in AS 18.66.990, as the current offense(s) for parole supervision;
    - 2. Has completed any ordered treatment;
    - 3. Has served one (1) year on parole; and
    - 4. Has not been found in violation of conditions of parole by the board for one (1) year.
  - B. For offenses committed on or after 07/09/2019, an offender is eligible for early termination of parole if the offender meets the following statutorily mandated requirements:
    - 1. Has not been convicted of an unclassified offense, a sex felony offense as defined in AS 12.55.185, or a crime involving domestic violence as defined in AS 18.66.990, as the current offense(s) for parole supervision;
    - 2. Has completed at least one (1) year on parole supervision;
    - 3. Has completed all treatment programs required as a condition of parole; and

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- 4. Is currently in compliance with all conditions of parole for all the cases that the offender is on parole for.
- III. For offenders who do not meet the eligibility requirements listed in sections I & II above, an officer may submit a recommendation for early termination or open court / informal probation to their supervisor for review using Attachment C (for probationers) or Attachment D (for parolees).
- IV. Early Termination of Probation Supervision Recommendation:
  Probation Officers shall review their caseload regularly to assess possible candidates eligible for recommendation of early termination.
  - A. For offenses committed on or before 07/08/2019, when an offender meets with the requirements outset in section I, A above, a probation officer shall file Early Termination of Probation Supervision / Open Court / Informal Probation (Attachment A) with the court.
    - 1. The officer shall comply with Victim Notification Policy 1000.01 and submit any required notifications prior to recommending early termination of supervision.
    - 2. The officer shall complete Early Termination of Probation Supervision / Open Court / Informal Supervision (Attachment A) and submit for review to their supervisor.
      - a. A supervisor shall approve all requests for early termination that meet statutory requirements.
      - b. All approved early termination recommendations shall be promptly filed with the supervising court and a copy provided to the District Attorney's Office for comment.
    - 3. A probation officer may not recommend open court / informal probation if the offender meets the statutory requirements under Procedures, section I, A above.
    - 4. If an offender believes he or she is eligible for early termination of supervision under section I, A of this policy, but his or her PO disagrees, the offender may request a supervisor review.
      - a. The Supervisor will allow both the PO and offender to explain the situation. The supervisor will then make a final determination regarding eligibility for an early termination recommendation.
  - B. For offenses committed on or after 07/09/2019, if an offender has met all requirements outset in section I, B above, and the PO believes the offender is a suitable candidate for early termination of probation the officer may recommend the offender for early termination of probation or placement on open court / informal supervision.

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- 1. The officer shall comply with Victim Notification Policy 1000.01 and submit any required notifications prior to recommending early termination of supervision.
- 2. The officer shall complete Recommendation for Early Termination of Probation Supervision / Open Court / Informal Supervision (Attachment C) and submit for review to their supervisor.
- 3. A supervisor shall review the recommendation for early termination and decide whether to recommend the offender for early termination. If there is a disagreement between the Probation Officer and supervisor, the final determination shall be made by either a PO IV or the Chief Probation Officer (CPO).
- 4. If the recommendation is approved by the supervisor, PO IV or CPO, it will be filed with the current supervising court and a copy will be provided to the District Attorney's office for comment.
- 5. If the recommendation is denied by the supervisor, PO IV or CPO a copy of Attachment C will be provided to the offender.
- 6. For recommendations filed with the court, if no response is received after a reasonable amount of time, the probation officer shall contact the court to discern the status of the early termination recommendation.
- V. Early Termination of Parole Supervision Recommendation:
  Parole Officers shall review their caseload regularly to assess possible candidates eligible for recommendation of early termination.
  - A. For offenses committed on or before 07/08/2019, when an offender meets with the requirements outset in section II, A above, a parole officer shall file Early Termination of Parole (Attachment B) with the Parole Board.
    - 1. The officer shall comply with Victim Notification Policy 1000.01 and submit any required notifications prior to recommending early termination of supervision.
    - 2. The officer shall complete Early Termination of Parole (Attachment B) and submit for review to their supervisor.
      - a. A supervisor shall approve all requests for early termination that meet statutory requirements.
      - b. All approved early termination recommendations shall be promptly filed with the Parole Board.

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- 3. If an offender believes he or she is eligible for early termination of supervision under section II, A of this policy, but his or her PO disagrees, the offender may request a supervisor review.
  - a. The supervisor will allow both the PO and offender to explain the situation. The supervisor will then make a final determination regarding eligibility for an early termination recommendation.
- B. For offenses committed on or after 07/09/2019, if an offender has met all requirements outset in section II, B above, and the PO believes the offender is a suitable candidate for early termination of parole the officer may recommend the offender for early termination of their supervision.
  - 1. The officer shall comply with Victim Notification Policy 1000.01 and submit any required notifications prior to recommending early termination of supervision.
  - 2. The officer shall complete Recommendation for Early Termination of Parole (Attachment D) and submit for review to their supervisor.
  - 3. A supervisor shall review the recommendation for early termination and decide whether to recommend the offender for early termination. If there is a disagreement between the Parole Officer and supervisor, the final determination shall be made either a PO IV or CPO.
  - 4. If the recommendation is approved by the supervisor, PO IV or CPO it will be filed with the Parole Board.
  - 5. If the recommendation is denied by the supervisor, PO IV or CPO a copy of Attachment D will be provided to the offender.

#### VI. Documentation:

All requests for early termination of probation, parole or open court / informal probation (regardless of origin) and all determinations by DOC, courts or Parole Board shall be documented in the DOC offender management system.

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