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In conjunction with important partners as noted below, Carver County Attorney Mark Metz announced the first Carver County Drug Treatment Court Graduation. This notable and most positive milestone highlights an important alternative to traditional incarceration. Following parameters established by the National Drug Court Institute, the program is best suited in finding long term solutions for those individuals struggling with substance abuse and any attendant mental health concerns. The program first launched in January of 2020.

For qualified candidates, the proven and rigorous model of Carver County Drug Treatment Court improves public safety, reduce recidivism, and lowers the overall cost to society by holding high risk/high need individuals in the criminal justice system accountable for their actions while promoting long-term recovery. Carver County Drug Treatment Court is a collaborative effort between numerous criminal justice system partners and community-based services. Attorney Metz noted that the success of the treatment court would not be possible without the dedicated commitment of these various agencies.

Madalyn Scribner will be the first candidate to graduate from the Carver County Drug Treatment Court. Madalyn has successfully passed all five phases of the program and Madalyn has impressively maintained her sobriety for 518 days - and counting. Madalyn now has a full-time job. Madalyn next plans to attend either college a trade school in the near future. Most importantly, Madalyn is again a loving, devoted mother to her two children.

As stated in Madalyn Scriber own words:

[The Carver County] Treatment Court Program saw the potential in me. Instead of putting me in a prison, the Treatment Court saw that I wasn't the person my [chemical use] was making me out to be. They pushed me to a life worth living. All the staff in the Treatment Court Program I felt, really cared if I succeeded or not and that was really a good motivation for me. I like that it's a long-term program. Treatment Court stays with you until you're in a successful spot in your life which is really helpful ... I knew I would need extra help to get my life on

track so I could be a mother to my children and a productive member of society and break the cycle of addiction.

County Attorney Metz noted that Carver County Drug Court contemporaneously promotes public safety, conserves taxpayer money, and provides long-term rehabilitation to those suffering from chemical addiction. Drug Court maximizes the potential that candidates can best reintegrate into both society and their families as productive citizens.

Pictured from left to right: Lieutenant Tony Kjorstad, Chaska Police Dept; Deputy Jeff Trick, County Co. Sheriff's Office; First Judicial District Judge Mike Wentzell; graduate Madalyn Scribner; Drug Court Coordinator Andrew Lynes; Peter Lavanger, NorthStar Regional Treatment; Brooklynn Turbes, Minnesota Department of Corrections; Commander Mike Wollin, Carver Co. Sheriff's Office; Attorney Kelly Small, Carver Co. Attorney's Office.



