



ARROWSMITH COMMUNITY JUSTICE SOCIETY

Guideline for Telephone Preconference Drug Offences

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INTRODUCTIONS:

- * Confirm that you have the correct person
 - Is this _____?
- * Introduce yourself
 - My name is _____(first name). I represent the Arrowsmith Community Justice Program
 - Your case, "possession of a controlled substance" (or other) has been referred to our program by _____(name of officer involved)
 - You are aware of this, right?

Note: If you are dealing with a youth, ask to speak to the parent listed on the form and if they are not available, arrange a contact time or a return phone call.

Sometimes you have to preset a date; other times you will need to notify them later.

INTERVIEW:

- * Assure that they acknowledge their offense/case
- * Ask them to tell you briefly what happened. They don't have to go into great detail, but enough to convince you that they are aware of what this is about.
- * Assure that they are willing to take responsibility and participate
- * Ask if they have been given a 'notice to appear' and, if so, note the date so that our meeting can be scheduled prior to that date or the officer consulted if it needs to be later.
- * Ask them to consider who their actions have affected and how
- * Tell them that in most of these cases there is a \$100 donation made to a charity of their choice from a list we provide. All these organizations are in District 69 and work with youth. We will listen if they have an alternate suggestion, but (no community service).
- * Take names of support people
- * Confirm spelling of name(s), address and contact information

- * Check for availability for conference. Inform that they are usually held in the evening once a month at the RCMP.

CONCLUSION:

- * Ask if they have questions
- * Instruct that when they arrive at the detachment for their meeting that they wait on the porch, but NOT to pick up the red phone as that calls Courtenay dispatch.
- * Leave a number which they can call for further information, etc. Either the office or your own number if you are comfortable with that.