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**Ocean Vicinage Drug Court to Hold Graduation and Commencement**

Ocean Vicinage will hold its semi-annual drug court commencement and graduation celebration at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, in the Mancini Room of the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington Street, Toms River. Criminal Presiding Judge Barbara A. Villano will preside over the event.

Drug court is a highly specialized team process within the existing Superior Court structure that addresses nonviolent drug-related cases. Drug courts are unique in the criminal justice environment because they build a close collaborative relationship between criminal justice and drug treatment professionals.

Drug court targets offenders who, were it not for their substance abuse, may never have been involved with the court system. Drug court programs are rigorous, requiring completion of four phases during five years of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and testing, and a tightly structured regimen of treatment and recovery services. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process, but also allows supervisors to react swiftly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants cannot comply with the program.

Participants who reach commencement have been in the program a minimum of 18 months and made significant progress in meeting the goals of drug court. The graduates have met all the requirements of the program and have successfully completed their terms of probation supervision.

There will be six candidates for graduation and twenty five candidates for commencement. The ceremony will be followed by a light lunch. For more event information, please call Carole Martin, drug court coordinator, at 732-929-2125.

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