

**RICE COUNTY ATTORNEY
BIENNIAL ADULT PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION REPORT
2023 and 2024**

Purpose of Report

This report is made pursuant to Minnesota Statute §401.065 which requires each county attorney to report biennially to the state court administrator and the legislature on the operation of its mandated pre-trial diversion program.

Pre-Trial Diversion Program

The Rice County Adult Pre-Trial Diversion Program is offered as an alternative to criminal prosecution with the goals of providing responsible alternatives to conviction, reduction of recidivism, restoration of the victim, and reduction of prosecution costs. There are three different programs available in Rice County: Traffic Diversion, Pre-Charge Diversion, and Property Crimes Diversion. The programs are available to first-time offenders who have had criminal charges filed against them or have a request for charges submitted to the Rice County Attorney's Office. The offenders must meet the criteria for diversion established by the Rice County Attorney's Office.

Number of Offenders Participating in the Program during the Reporting Period.

There were 8 participants in Pre-trial Diversion Program in 2023 and 2024. These participant completed the program.

Number and Characteristics of Offenders Successfully Completing Program during the Reporting Period

The following characteristics have been documented regarding those offenders who successfully completed diversion:

Gender

3 male offenders (100%)

Age

2 offenders age 18-25 (67%)

1 offender age 26 and up (33%)

Offense

3 Pre-charge Diversion (100%)

1 Theft

1 Drugs and Theft

1 Drugs

Evaluation on Program's Effect on Operation of Rice County Criminal Justice System

The Rice County Pre-Trial Diversion program diverted 5 case in 2023 and 3 cases in 2024. Three participants completed the program and complete substance use treatment as part of the program and paid restitution to the victim. Diversion not only lessens the burden on the current caseload for all those involved in the Rice County criminal justice system, it is a means to restore the victim for monetary loss caused by these crimes.

How many individuals were participating in your Adult Pre-Trial Diversion Program on December 31, 2024 (One-day count) 0

How many individuals entered your Adult Pre-Trial Diversion Program during the calendar years 2023 and 2024? (Biennium total) 8

How many individuals successfully completed your Adult Pre-Trial Diversion Program during the calendar years 2023 and 2024? (Biennium total) 3

How many individuals were terminated from your Adult Pre-Trial Diversion Program as program failures during the calendar years 2023 and 2024? (Biennium total) 5



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Date