

Jury duty is a privilege and a serious responsibility. As a Teen Court juror, you have the obligation of determining a fair and appropriate sentence that will be constructive for the defendant and the community in its consequences. You must listen carefully to the facts of the case and pay close attention to all information presented from the Judge, offender, and the Defense and Prosecuting attorneys. Each juror must listen objectively, without bias or prejudice in order to render a fair and just sentence. The Jury discusses the testimony given in the hearing and then decides what sentence is in the best interest of our community and the offender. All jurors must agree (a unanimous decision) on the constructive sentence before returning to the court.

#### PRIOR TO TRIAL:

- Check in with Teen Court Staff.
- You will be assigned to certain cases based on what school you attend.
- Follow the instructions of the Teen Court staff, Presiding Judge, Adult Volunteers, and Bailiff.

#### IN THE COURTROOM:

- Be prepared to stand when the Judge enters the courtroom.
- The Judge will ask you to rise when he administers the Oath of Confidentiality.
- If you know the defendant, you must contact a member of the Teen Court Staff prior to the Hearing.
- Listen attentively to the attorney's questions and the defendant's answers.
- When it is time to retire to the deliberation room, follow the bailiff.

#### IN THE DELIBERATION ROOM:

- The jury quickly appoints a Foreperson to lead deliberations. Use the Sentencing Guidelines Chart.
- You will need to consider the defendant's character, degree of remorse and statements made.
- You are there to do a job. Keep your personal experiences out of the decision making process.
- The constructive sentence is based solely on the information presented in court.

#### BACK IN THE COURTROOM:

- Give the Jury Verdict Form to the Bailiff.
- Listen for the Judge's Instructions.
- The Jury Foreperson reads the constructive sentence in a loud and clear voice.