

# 24/7 SOBRIETY MONITORING PROGRAM

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# Agenda

Introduction to 24/7 Sobriety Monitoring

Lincoln, Nebraska Program

Operational Guidelines

Success Stories

Launching the Program in Texas



## Overview - Christine

- Started in January 2005 in South Dakota
- Curbs substance use among DWI offenders
- Provides alternative to incarceration
- Twice a day breath testing
- Swift and certain sanction for violations
- Reduces recidivism
- Improves public safety by reducing criminal behavior and motor vehicle crashes

# THE POWER OF ACCOUNTABILITY



**24/7 is not a treatment program.**

**24/7 is a program to demonstrate  
accountability and to show that clients  
can be sober, responsible, and safe in  
the community.**

- ☐ Sober
- ☐ Responsible
- ☐ Safe

# WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR

“Charged with misdemeanor or felony offense directly related to consumption or possession of alcohol, marijuana, or a controlled substance.”

- ⊙ **DUI and DWI offenses**
- ⊙ **Refusal of a chemical test**
- ⊙ **Charges where alcohol or drugs were a contributing factor**

# Important Partnerships

Prosecutors

Defense  
Counsel

Judiciary

Department of  
Motor Vehicles

Nonprofits –  
i.e. MADD

Attorney  
Generals  
Office

Law  
Enforcement

Department of  
Corrections

# WHAT SETS 24/7 APART

## Transparent

- Expectations should be **clear** and **defined**.

## Consistent

- There are no **modifications**, **substitutions**, or **exceptions**.

## Immediate

- Response to noncompliance or infraction is **swift** and **systematic**.

## Certain

- Beyond doubt. No question. **Assured**.



# **SWIFT & CERTAIN SANCTIONS**

Improve Accountability and Abstinence

# Lancaster County

## 24/7 Sobriety Program

### Participant Agreement

LANCASTER COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF

Community Corrections

PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

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24. I understand there will be an IMMEDIATE sanction for any behavior that violates the rules of the 24/7 Sobriety Program. Below is a list of the expected sanctions should I have a violation. I understand that this list does NOT cover every possible violation.
- ANY POSITIVE TEST (PBT, UA/Oral Fluid Device with admitted use or lab confirmed, confirmed SCRAM report):
    - First Violation (PBT/Admitted Use):** 12 hours at The Bridge detox facility or until my PBT is .000 (whichever is longer). If The Bridge is full, 12 hours in the Lancaster County Jail
    - First Violation (UA, lab confirmed):** 12 hours jail at the Lancaster County Jail
    - Second Violation:** 24 hours in the Lancaster County Jail
    - Third Violation:** Minimum of 48 hours in the Lancaster County Jail (must remain in custody pending bond review)
  - LATE TO TEST (less than 30 minutes):
    - First Violation:** Verbal Warning
    - Second Violation:** 4 hours community service
    - Third Violation:** 24 hours in the Lancaster County Jail
    - Fourth Violation:** Minimum of 48 hours in the Lancaster County Jail (must remain in custody pending bond review)
  - ADULTERATION OF A TEST, (substitution, tampering with monitoring equipment, etc.):
    - First Violation:** Minimum of 48 hours in the Lancaster County Jail (must remain in custody pending bond review)
  - MISSING A TEST (30 minutes late or more):
    - First Violation:** 24 hours in the Lancaster County Jail
    - Second Violation:** Minimum of 48 hours in the Lancaster County Jail (must remain in custody pending bond review)
  - ABSCONDING FROM THE 24/7 PROGRAM (i.e., providing a positive test then leaving the testing area, missing two or more consecutive tests, leaving The Bridge before completion of 12-hour sanction):

*\*A warrant will be requested, then upon apprehension\*:*

    - First Violation:** Placement in the Lancaster County Jail (must remain in custody pending bond review)
  - NEW FELONY and/or MISDEMEANOR CHARGE (related to possession or consumption of alcohol, marijuana, or other controlled substance):
    - First Violation:** Placement in the Lancaster County Jail (must remain in custody pending bond review)

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# CHANGING HOW WE DEFINE SUCCESS.

**“When you strive for perfection, you compare different versions of what could be instead of being present with what is.**

**Perfectionism is an attempt to inhabit an imaginary world in order to avoid experiencing the world in which you live.”**

**- Gary Zukav**

**Alex**

**DUI -.15+ OR REFUSAL  
(2 PRIOR  
CONVICTIONS)  
(180 days-3 years)**

**Initial 24/7 Bond  
\$3,500 %**

## **24/7 PARTICIPATION**

- **December 15th, 2021 – June 12th, 2023**
- **1090 Breathalyzers**
- **Over 80 random Uas**
- **8 Violations**
- **3 separate bond reviews to continue participation**

## **OUTCOME**

- **Amended charges to DUI-.08 -3rd Offense (Misdemeanor)**
- **90 Days in jail.**
- **Received approval for District Court – House Arrest**
- **\$1,000 Fine**
- **15 year License revocation**

**Alex – DUI .15+  
or refusal (2 prior  
convictions)**

- 1/20/22 – 1<sup>st</sup> missed test, 24 hours at the Lancaster County Jail
- 2/06/22 – 1<sup>st</sup> positive PBT, 12 hours at The Bridge
- 2/25/22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> positive PBT, 24 hours at The Lancaster County Jail
- 2/28/22 – 1<sup>st</sup> late test, provided verbal warning
- 3/27/22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> positive PBT, 48 hours at The Lancaster County Jail
- 5/1/222 – 4<sup>th</sup> positive PBT, 48 hours at The Lancaster County Jail
- 7/24/22 – 5<sup>th</sup> positive PBT, 48 hours at The Lancaster County Jail
- 9/24/22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> late test, 4- Hours of Community Service (Completed)

**Brandon**

**Initial Bond: \$50,000 %**

**DUI-.08 - 4<sup>TH</sup> OFFENSE**  
**(180days -3years)**

**OPERATE MOTOR**  
**VEHICLE TO AVOID**  
**ARREST**  
**(0-2years)**

**DRIVE WITHOUT**  
**IGNITION INTERLOCK**  
**(0-2years)**

## **24/7 PARTICIPATION**

- **\$20,000 % Bond**
- **December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- **776 Breathalyzers**
- **50+ Random UAs**
- **No 24/7 Violations**
- **Completed Intensive Out-patient Treatment and MRT through the Community Corrections office**

## **OUTCOME**

- **Sentenced to 365 days for first charge**
- **Amended second charge to resist arrest – 1<sup>st</sup> offense – 90 days**
- **Dropped third charge**
- **Concurrent sentences – will serve 190 days.**
- **At sentencing Judge stated**

**“I take these charges very seriously, and I want you to understand that your efforts on 24/7 have deeply mitigated your sentence today.”**

# KEY TAKE AWAYS

- Build relationships with your MDT
- Consistency is KEY
- Success can have sanctions

**2022-2023**

**59% Success Rate**

**89 participants**

**2023-2024**

**78% Success Rate**

**80 participants**

**2024-2025**

**(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)**

**77% Success Rate**

**64 participants**



# Launching 24-7 Sobriety Monitoring in Texas - Cinthya

Technical Assistance and Coaching



**QUESTIONS?**

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA PROGRAM

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**THANK YOU!**

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