



**Pam Vergara**  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT of FLORIDA  
Hernando County Courthouse  
Room 335  
20 N. Main Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM/NOTICE**

TO: OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
AMY BALDWIN-COURT ADMINISTRATION

RE: SPECIALTY COURT

Screening for Specialty Court requires a written motion and approval of the assigned Judge. The screening does not guarantee admission to Specialty Court.

Until such time, the Defendant has pled in/been accepted into Specialty Court the Defendant is responsible for all Court hearing/dates before the assigned criminal Judge as well as the Specialty Court Judge. Upon acceptance into Specialty Court the clerk, upon order, shall strike further Court hearings before the criminal assigned Judge. If the Defendant is not accepted into Specialty Court, the Defendant shall be returned to the regular criminal docket and assigned Judge.

Note: Cases shall not be placed on the Specialty Court Docket within 1 week of approval of screening. This results in insufficient time for the parties to be informed about their cases.

The State shall also provide the Court with a memorandum as to sentencing range points as well as victims opinions/approval of Defendant's participation in Specialty Court.