



PROBATION/PAROLE IN WINONA COUNTY, MINNESOTA 2022

Who am I and what do I do in my role as a probation/parole officer

WHO IS BILL?

- Grew up in Fargo, N.D.
- Criminal Justice Degree, Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN.
- Master of Public Administration level work, Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN.
- Previously worked in juvenile detention centers in Fargo, N.D. and Lino Lakes, MN.
- Previously worked as a security officer and security sergeant at Canterbury Downs, Shakopee, MN.
- Currently work as a probation/parole officer for the Minnesota Department of Corrections. Have held that position for 27 years.
- Previous assignments included regular and enhanced supervision of juvenile clients (11 years) and later regular and enhanced supervision of felony level adult clients (8 years).
- Current assignment includes felony level adult caseload with Treatment Court of Winona County which have held for the past 8 years. Also have a misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor caseload consisting principally of DUI cases.

TYPES OF PROBATION/PAROLE ASSIGNMENTS

- Juvenile
- Adult
- Misdemeanor
- Gross Misdemeanor
- Felony
- Specialty – Diversion cases (juvenile and adult), Domestic Assault cases (adult), Criminal Sexual Conduct cases (adult), DUI cases (adult)
- Levels – minimum, medium and enhanced
- Treatment Court
- Veteran's Court
- Supervised Release and Intensive Supervised Release

PROBATION/PAROLE ROLES (INCLUDES WEARING MANY HATS)

- Social Worker
- Counselor
- Parent
- Teacher
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Service Broker
- Mentor
- Coach
- Change Agent

TRAINING

- Motivational Interviewing
- Core Correctional Practices
- Level of Service/Case Management Inventory proficiency
- Cognitive Skills (Thinking for a Change and Carey Guide Curriculums)
- Probation Officer Safety

LEVELS AND TYPES OF SENTENCES

- Executed Sentences
- Misdemeanor – up to 90 days jail, up to \$1000 fine
- Gross Misdemeanor – from 91 – 365 days jail, up to \$3000 fine
- Felony – 12 months and 1 day to life without parole

- Stayed Sentences
- Misdemeanor – typically up to 1 year
- Gross Misdemeanor – typically up to 2 years
- Felony – 3 years to 40 years **

PROBATION - FROM REFERRAL TO DISCHARGE

- Referral from County Attorney's Office or Courts; Release from Prison
- To Diversion, Probation or Parole
- Intake
- Risk Assessment, other assessments Domestic Violence, Psycho-sexual, Chemical Use, Mental Health, Trauma
- Pre-Sentence Investigation Report or Pre-Disposition Report
- Sentencing or Disposition
- Probation Agreement and Case Plan
- Monitoring Conditions
- Progress Reports
- Violation Reports
- Discharge Reports

SUPERVISED RELEASE (PAROLE)

- A supervision status that occurs after being released from a juvenile or adult correctional facility (prison).
- In MN, as an adult any executed sentence consists of a term of imprisonment (2/3 of the sentence) and a term of supervised release (1/3 of the sentence)
- A violation of supervised release can result in a restructure (lesser sanction other than prison) or a revocation in which case the offender returns to prison for any or all of their remaining sentence.
- Hearings and Release Hearing – an HRU officer (not a judge) who hears release violations and determines appropriate sanctions for those on supervised release

TYPES OF CONDITIONS THAT ARE MONITORED

- Short term jail – less than executed sentence
- Short term prison – less than executed sentence
- Electronic Home Monitoring
- Electronic Alcohol Monitoring
- GPS
- House Arrest
- Curfew
- Assessments/Evaluations
- Counseling/Treatment
- Cognitive Skills Programming

TYPES OF CONDITIONS THAT ARE MONITORED CONTINUED

- Treatment Court, Veteran's Court (there are other specialty courts outside of Winona County including Mental Health Courts, DWI courts, Family Courts)
- Attend Victim Impact Panel
- Community Service
- Employment
- Education
- Drivers License
- Parenting Classes

TYPES OF CONDITIONS THAT ARE MONITORED CONTINUED

- No contact
- No trespass
- No enter
- No associate
- Drug/Alcohol Testing
- Searches
- Pay fines, fees, and restitution
- Maintain contact supervising agent
- Keep supervising agent informed of current contact information, residence, employment, school

SANCTIONS V. FORMAL VIOLATION

- Supervising Agent's Informal Directive
- Probation Sanction or Parole Restructure
- Revocation of Probation or Parole

INTRASTATE AND INTERSTATE TRANSFERS

- Intrastate – Supervise probation or supervised release (parole) for another county
- Interstate – Supervise probation or supervised release (parole) for another state