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## WINNEBAGO COUNTY THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION PROGRAM (TIP) COURT CELEBRATES 32<sup>nd</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY

**Rockford, IL** —Judge Janet R. Holmgren, Presiding Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court Therapeutic Intervention Program (TIP) Court is pleased to announce the program celebrated its 32<sup>nd</sup> graduation ceremony on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 478 at the Winnebago County Courthouse.

Four TIP Court participants have successfully completed all of the TIP Court Program requirements, bringing the total number of graduates to 189 since TIP Court began in 2005.

TIP Court is a specialized problem-solving court program that provides wrap-around therapeutic services and intensive court supervision to persons in the criminal justice system who have a serious and persistent mental illness. The program is voluntary and the average length of participation is two and a half years. The goals and purpose of TIP Court is to provide participants with the treatment and case management services they require to help them achieve stability and maintain recovery and in turn, dramatically reduce the likelihood that they will commit new offenses. A multi-disciplinary team of clinical and justice professionals closely supervise each participant's compliance with treatment and completing their treatment plan requirements through intensive probation supervision and frequent court appearances before Judge Holmgren.

Please contact Emily Behnke for more information about TIP Court and this event.