

PRINTED ON YOUR AGENCY LETTERHEAD

Date: [REDACTED]

Hon. David M. Patronella
Precinct 1 Position 2
1302 Preston Rm. 203
Houston, Texas 77002

RE:
DOB:
Citation #:

[REDACTED]

Dear Judge Patronella;

This is to confirm that Mr. [REDACTED] is currently a resident of the SEARCH/Men's Challenge Program. Challenge is a transitional housing program for dually diagnosed homeless men that seek to provide a safe, supportive environment for these men to become productive citizens. He was admitted after successful completion of a residential substance abuse treatment program.

Mr. [REDACTED] was admitted to Challenge in July, 2007, and has been totally compliant with all program rules and guidelines. This means adhering to a prescribed medication regimen for his psychiatric diagnosis, remaining abstinent from alcohol and illicit drugs; securing employment and working towards obtaining stable, permanent housing.

However, Mr. [REDACTED] progress has been inhibited by the effects of a traffic ticket he received on July 28, 2007. The offense was that he ran a red light. He was also ticketed for failure to maintain financial responsibility (no insurance). He also (inadvertently) missed his scheduled court date of August 29, 2007, probably resulting in an arrest warrant being issued. Since he was homeless and living on the streets (and in his car) prior to entering Challenge, he was unable to afford insurance. I would like to respectfully request that the warrant be lifted and that Mr. [REDACTED] be allowed to either work out a payment plan for the fine or be allowed to take defensive driving. In addition, I would like to request that the additional charge (no insurance) be dismissed.

This assistance would enable Mr. [REDACTED] to secure the employment necessary to obtain/maintain stable, permanent housing.

I have attached a flyer describing the Challenge Program for your review. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (713) 742-6953.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marcie Korn, M.A., LCDC
Treatment Services Manager
SEARCH Men's Challenge Program
4640 Main Street #480