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Arizona State Senate
Senate President
Capital Complex
1700 W. Washington
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RE: Navajo County Deferred Prosecution

Honorable Senate President:

Pursuant to Statute ARS §11-362, I am sending this report to you in regards to Navajo County Attorney's Deferred Prosecution Program.

The Navajo County Attorney's Office Deferred Program allows low risk defendants who have been charged with crimes to enter into deferred prosecution agreements whereby they admit their guilt and agree to make amends for their crimes in exchange for having their criminal charges deferred for a period of time.

If the terms are successfully complied with, the criminal charges are dismissed. However, if the defendant fails to comply with terms or if they commit a new criminal offense, then prosecution is resumed.

During the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 the Navajo County Attorney's Deferred Prosecution Program has had approximately 85 individuals in the program.

Of this 85 individuals in the program, 2 of them are felony cases and the rest are misdemeanor cases. During this time period 25 of the defendants with misdemeanor cases have successfully completed while the rest are still in the program.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Harris
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