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## Media Release

**19 successful participants will be among the first to graduate from Nevada's first Day Reporting Center (DRC) program on May 23, 2018.**

Las Vegas, Nev. - 19 successful participants will be among the first to graduate from Nevada's first Day Reporting Center (DRC) program on May 23, 2018. The Nevada Department of Public Safety Division of Parole and Probation, in partnership with SENTINEL, opened the DRC in Las Vegas in October 2017.

The DRC is a program offered by the State of Nevada that gives people on parole and probation access to life-changing skills and counseling services and is utilized as an intermediate sanction in lieu of incarceration. The program helps to promote better decision-making capabilities and works to reduce recidivism. Classes, counseling and training services such as Cognitive Therapy (Moral Recognition Therapy Program), GED Preparation, Thinking for Good, Coping with Anger, Parenting and Family Values, Substance abuse "Staying Quit" and Employment Preparation helps participants manage underlying criminogenic risks and works to reduce future criminal behavior. Similar programs in the State of Utah, Kern County, California and Yolo County, California have proven results to reduce recidivism by taking a proactive approach to addressing criminogenic needs of this population.

Approximately 19,500 people are supervised by the Parole and Probation Division throughout Nevada, with about 70 percent residing in Southern Nevada. The Las Vegas DRC assists with up to 200 participants who are identified as individuals who would positively benefit from additional supervision, counseling, and training services to be successful on their parole or probation term. As of May 2018, there are 184 participants in the program. Participants have the opportunity to become involved with the DRC program through either a recommendation from their Parole or Probation Officer in lieu of arrest or by submitting a Self-Request to be screened for the program. While there is no set time frame, the average program is approximately 20 weeks, with ongoing programs designed to implement participants immediately into the groups regardless of the step they are on.

"By taking a proactive and innovative approach to solutions addressing reintegration challenges, the DRC program should help to reduce recidivism and provide participants with an opportunity to become productive citizens within our community," said Parole and Probation Division Chief Natalie Wood. "This will benefit the community, the Division, law enforcement partners, and our judicial partners."

Media partners are invited to attend the Graduation

Date: May 23, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 714 4th Street Las Vegas

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