

Diversion Unit

The Diversion Unit was created to allow for some first-time non-violent offenders to avoid prosecution by being "diverted" from prosecution after indictment. These offenders must meet strict requirements for entry into this unit and upon completion of these requirements their case may be dismissed. Those persons accepted into the Diversion Unit must display a willingness to cooperate and an ability to benefit from the program. The burden of rehabilitation is always on the offender to demonstrate a willingness to comply with the standards set forth by the Diversion Unit. This unit consists of a diversion officer who screen cases and offenders for admission into this unit and monitor them closely throughout their participation in the Diversion Unit. The diversion officer reports to the First Assistant of the Criminal Division and the Prosecutor.