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HOME DETENTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The New Jersey Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part, Somerset and Hunterdon Counties, as an alternative to placing you in a secure detention facility, has placed you in the Home Detention Program under the supervision of the Home Detention Program Staff.

As a participant of the program, you will be monitored by computer technology which requires you to wear a non-removable bracelet twenty-four (24) hours a day for the duration of the program.

Additionally, you will be required to remain at your residence at all times unless otherwise authorized.

The residence to which the participant is confined is:

Street: _____

City State Zip: _____

Home Detention Designated Phone Line: _____ Email Address: _____

Any infraction of the program rules listed below may result in consequences ranging between verbal or written warning; a return to court, or termination from the program. The type and severity of the consequence is at the discretion of the Home Detention Program staff and/or the Court, and will be determined on a case by case basis.

1. The participant understands that he/she must remain at the indicated residence at all times, except during those times approved by the Home Detention Staff and can only leave without permission in the case of a life-threatening emergency. The participant will be required to furnish documentation to verify any emergency departure from the schedule. If an emergency situation exists, the participant is required to notify the Home Detention Program Staff immediately twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
2. The parent/guardian will ensure the Home Detention Program staff is able to contact the home/participant (via landline phone or cell phone) AT ALL TIMES (24 hours a day/7 days a week). If phone services are expected to be terminated for any reason, the Home Detention Staff must be notified PRIOR TO the interruption of service. Additionally, any irresponsible use/abuse of HDP staff cellular phones is an infraction that may result in consequences.

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3. The participant acknowledges that he/she is not permitted to be on the front or back porch/stoop and that he/she is not permitted in the back or front yard of the residence unless given permission from Home Detention Staff. In addition, movement to and from other areas within the home may be restricted.
4. The participant will attend, participate and comply with any rules, policies, plans and conditions set forth by: Probation, therapists/clinical professionals, school and other services, and follow the Home Detention Program case plan.
5. The participant is only permitted to leave the home for activities approved by the Home Detention Staff. Once the schedule is approved, the participant will not deviate from that schedule. Requests for modification must be made by completing and submitting a Schedule Change Request Form 3 days in advance of the requested change. REVIEW will be conducted by the Case Manager and the participant will be notified of the approval/disapproval.
6. Parents are responsible for providing or arranging transportation for the participant to attend school and any approved appointments outside the home. If transportation is to be provided by anyone other than a parent/guardian, permission must be obtained from the Home Detention staff in advance. The Participant is NOT allowed to accept rides from friends.
7. Participants are NOT allowed to have friends or visitors at the residence. This includes friends standing in the doorway/porch/front yard, etc. Any non-compliance by friends/family is the participant's responsibility. NOTE: Random and unannounced house checks will be conducted regularly.
8. The Participant shall comply with all municipal, county, state and federal laws. Any arrest, citation/summons or contact by a law enforcement official must be immediately reported to the Home Detention Staff.
9. Parents/Guardians must supervise the participant overnight. If they are unable to be there due to work schedule, etc., an adult must be present during overnight hours and approved ahead of time by Home Detention staff.
10. No illegal drugs, firearms or weapons are permitted in the residence. The participant shall not consume alcoholic beverages and shall abstain from the unlawful use, possession or distribution of narcotics or controlled substances. All prescribed medications used by the participant during the program must be disclosed to the Case Manager. If a juvenile is suspected of being under the influence while on the program, he or she may be referred for an immediate drug test at a local medical facility at the family's expense, or at the probation department if applicable.
11. The participant will NOT tamper with the monitoring equipment following installation. The purpose of the monitoring equipment is to alert authorities to violations of the program, and the loss of signal/and or receipt of a tamper message may constitute probable cause for a violation. The program's data, program officials and other sources of testimony may be used as evidence at a violation hearing. Also, any damage to the monitoring equipment caused by the participant may result in civil and/or criminal penalties, and repair/replacement costs may be charged to the participant.
12. The participant will keep the involvement with Home Detention Program private (specifically by not showing off the ankle monitor).
13. The participant and parent/guardian agree that during the term of the program, the Home Detention Staff will have full access to the residence at any time of day or night for the purpose of random visits, equipment inspection, installation, repair, etc.
14. Participants are responsible for notifying Home Detention staff of any pets in the home, and ensuring that house pets are secured prior to and during visits.

15. The participant and his family understand and agree that the Home Detention Program and / Court have no responsibility to provide shelter, food, clothing, transportation or medical/dental care to the participants or dependents during this program.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS, IF APPLICABLE:

And lastly, but most importantly,

The participant fully understands that participation in the program is considered a privilege and not a right. The alternative to Home Detention is placement in the juvenile detention facility for an undetermined amount of time.

I hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed these conditions as they relate to my participation in the program. I fully understand them and fully understand the possible consequences should I, in any manner, violate the terms of this contract.

Juvenile: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Aileemah Cannon Horton, M.A.: _____ Date: _____
Juvenile Case Manager

Monica Mulligan, M.A.: _____ Date: _____
Program Coordinator