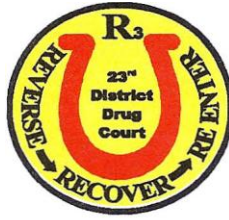


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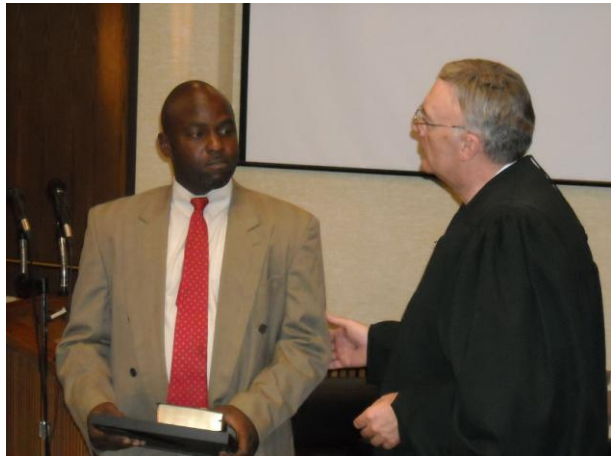


Press Release

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Jason Hall is the most recent graduate of the 23rd Judicial District Drug Court program. Jason left behind his life of addiction a few years ago when he was offered the chance to participate in Drug Court.

Jason committed himself to changing his ways, and becoming the man he always knew he could be. Now drug-free, with a promising future, Jason shares his words of wisdom with others trapped in a life of drugs. "If I can do it, anybody can," Jason encouraged the crowded courtroom at his graduation ceremony. Jason then embraced his family and friends, each beaming with pride, knowing the life-changing significance of this night.



Judge Robert E. Burch congratulates Jason Hall on his graduation from the 23rd Judicial District Drug Court program.

"I want to thank all those who refused to give up on me," Jason continued. "I'm especially grateful for the people who made it tough on me. They are the ones who refused to let me give up on myself."

Jason was known as "Fresh" on the streets in his "former" life. "I want people to know that they can change, too. If they see that 'Fresh' was able to overcome his problems, they'll know they can too."

Jason Hall is the 54th participant to graduate from the 23rd Judicial District Drug Court, which was founded in 1999. Judge Robert E. Burch presides over Drug Court each Thursday night to review participants' progress. During the week, Drug Court participants are involved in counseling sessions to help them recover from their drug and alcohol dependency. The goal is to give these non-violent offenders a new lease on life, with the skills to be productive, law-abiding citizens.

In the words of Jason Hall, "I thank God for the people involved in Drug Court, for the faith they had in me, and for changing my life for me and my family."