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Cumberland County Sobriety Court Honors Graduates, Participants

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The Cumberland County Sobriety Court recognized two graduates and eight participants in a celebration ceremony presided over by District Court Judge David Hasty today in the Courthouse. The two graduates completed the final phase of Sobriety Court and will begin the after-care phase. The 10 participants received coins to recognize their commitment and progress in the court. There are 15 people currently enrolled in Sobriety Court Treatment.

Cumberland County Sobriety Court was established in 2010 and is a treatment program for people convicted of driving while impaired, or with pending DWI charges. The court requires participants to receive treatment, counseling and education; abide by curfews; attend meetings and submit to alcohol and drug screenings. Sobriety Court is funded by a \$100,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program. Pretrial Services is funded by Cumberland County Government.

"I am truly grateful for the Sobriety Court program," said Melissa Taylor, one of the two graduates recognized today. "The program is hard, and it's a lot of work, but it does work if you work."

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