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MEDIA ADVISORY

Judge Michael S. Stepka, 86th District Court to Highlight Success of Ignition Interlock Device in Preventing Repeat Drunk Driving Offenses and Saving Lives

Who: Judge Michael S. Stepka
Judge Michael J. Haley (retired)
Pam Blue, Chief Probation Officer
Heidi Gilde, Intensive Probation Officer
Carol Stocking, Court Administrator
Christine Maxbauer, Grand Traverse County Board of Commission Chair
Steve Chapman, Sobriety Court graduate
Scott Scholten, Sobriety Court graduate

VIA VIDEO LIVESTREAM FROM THE HALL OF JUSTICE
Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., Michigan Supreme Court
Judge Susan Dobrich, Cass County Probate-Family Court (President of Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals)
Judge Harvey Hoffman, 56A District Court, Eaton County
Judge Geno Salomone, 23rd District Court, Taylor
DWI/Sobriety Court graduate

What: Statewide Press Conference to release the fourth annual report of Michigan's DWI/Sobriety Court Ignition Interlock Group.

When: Thursday, May 21, 2015, 9:00–10:00 AM

Note: The press conference will begin with a video livestream from the Hall of Justice in Lansing for approximately 15 minutes, followed by comments from local participants.

Where: Robert P. Griffin Hall of Justice
District Courtroom #2
280 Washington Street
Traverse City MI 49684

Why: To highlight the success in ignition interlock devices in lowering the DWI recidivism rates in Michigan, particularly in chronic offenders. Based on analysis of data from the first four years of this project, the ignition interlock program is exhibiting significant success when incorporated into a DWI/sobriety court program.