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SOLICITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE CONTINUES EXPANSION OF PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM

(Lawrenceville, Ga., March 5, 2026) – Since taking office, Solicitor-General Lisamarie Bristol has expanded the use of pre-trial diversion as part of a broader effort to resolve appropriate misdemeanor cases efficiently and fairly under the law.

“The goal is to evaluate each case individually and apply the law in a way that is both fair and practical,” said Bristol. “For eligible minor offenses, pre-trial diversion allows for accountability while helping individuals avoid the long-term impact of a conviction.”

The Pre-Trial Diversion Program allows for the evaluation of certain misdemeanor cases to determine whether an alternative resolution may be appropriate. In some instances, cases are reviewed prior to formal accusation, allowing for more timely outcomes for Gwinnett residents.

In 2025, nearly 1,250 defendants were enrolled in pre-trial diversion, representing approximately 12% of the total cases opened by the Solicitor-General's Office that year.

Certain minor traffic citations that don't involve an accident or serious injury may be resolved through a nominal donation to the Gwinnett Coalition, a nonprofit organization founded in 1990.

Similarly, individuals cited for select minor hunting or fishing infractions may be offered the opportunity to resolve their cases through a donation to the Georgia Wildlife Federation. All donation amounts for both the Gwinnett Coalition and the Georgia Wildlife Federation are capped at \$175.

Participation in diversion is voluntary and limited to eligible offenses. These options provide an alternative to traditional case processing, which may otherwise include probation supervision, court costs and related fees.

The Solicitor-General's Office continues to assess cases for appropriate resolution pathways consistent with public safety and the interests of justice.

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