



CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2025-05 STATE OF COLORADO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER REGARDING LIFETIME SUPERVISION SEX OFFENDERS WHO ARE SENTENCED TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION

The purpose of this order is to replace Chief Judge Directive 2005-01 titled “In the Matter of Sex Offenders Sentenced to Community Corrections” (February 25, 2005).

As set forth in C.R.S. § 18-1.3-1004(2)(a), the court may sentence certain sex offenders to probation for indeterminate periods of probation (the maximum of which is lifetime supervision). If an indeterminate probation sentence is imposed, the court must order, as a condition of probation, supervision by the intensive supervision program until further order of the court. *Id.* “The court, as a condition of probation, may sentence a sex offender to a residential community corrections program ... for a minimum period specified by the court.” C.R.S. § 18-1.3-1004(2)(ba). After successfully completing the minimum period, “the sex offender may be released to intensive supervision probation.” *Id.*

Two decades ago, a committee studied “how best to use community resources and move lifetime sentence offenders out of residential community corrections and onto Intensive Supervision Probation in the most timely and therapeutic manner.” CJD 2005-01. Based on the conclusions of the committee, Chief Judge Brooke Jackson adopted a “**recommendation** to the judges of the First Judicial District.” *Id.* (emphasis added).

Over the last two decades, there have been changes in the sentencing and treatment of lifetime supervision sex offenders. Data collected over this period helps to

inform sentencing best practices. Accordingly, the court replaces CJD 2005-01 with this order, and in doing so, makes these findings:

- The residential community corrections program in the district is not set up to house and treat lifetime supervision sex offenders for indeterminate periods which exceed the length of time necessary to reduce risk and complete requirements of the residential program.
- Data collected for lifetime supervision sex offenders demonstrate successful residential program completion occurs as early as one year from program entry, but not longer than three years. On average, successful residential program completion occurs in 18 months.
- Completion of residential community corrections and treatment requirements of sex offenders is progress based, not time based.
- Keeping lifetime supervision sex offenders in the residential community corrections program after completion of the residential program requirements is not beneficial and is not the best use of limited resources.
- Community corrections is not equipped to properly maintain and supervise lifetime supervision sex offenders for indeterminate periods on non-residential status.
- Once residential status is completed, intensive supervision probation (now known as Sex Offender Intensive Supervision Probation (SOISP)) is best equipped to supervise lifetime supervision sex offenders for indeterminate periods.
- The community corrections program is responsible for conducting all victim notifications unless a victim specifically requests not to be notified. C.R.S. § 24-4.1-303(14).


Accordingly, when a lifetime supervision sex offender is sentenced to community corrections as a condition of probation, the following is ordered:

- The court shall sentence the lifetime supervision sex offender to community corrections as a condition of SOISP.
- The court shall sentence the lifetime supervision sex offender to community corrections for a period not to exceed three years which automatically terminates upon the lifetime supervision sex offender's successful completion of the residential portion of the community corrections sentence. Based on the above-referenced data, the recommended period is two to three years.
- Upon the lifetime supervision sex offenders' successful completion of the residential portion of the community corrections sentence, community corrections shall notify the court, Probation, and the victim of this fact.
- Upon the lifetime supervision sex offenders' successful completion of the residential portion of the community corrections sentence, Probation shall immediately begin supervising the sex offender as part of SOISP.

Sex offenders who are not subject to sentencing under the Colorado Sex Offender Lifetime Supervision Act who are sentenced to community corrections shall receive a direct sentence to community corrections (not as a condition of SOISP).

This order replaces CJD 2005-01.

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