



## The Probation Update

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### Technology monitors high-risk offenders



A new advanced technology that monitors alcohol use through a person's perspiration is being piloted at Plymouth District Court for 90 days which began on June 5.

The CAM (Continuous Alcohol Monitoring) will be used on seven higher risk offenders than those who are currently sentenced to SCRAM, a remote alcohol testing tool with facial recognition, according to Daniel Pires, Statewide Director of the Electronic Monitoring (ELMO) Program. Massachusetts is one of the first states to use both CAM and SCRAM technology at the same time, Pires said.

A transdermal product, the CAM Technology is being used on individuals with probation violations, according to Pires. He said an individual's sweat will be tested 48 times throughout the day or every 30 minutes. The results will be sent to the vendor, which is SCRAM, for testing and the results will be made

available the following day. CAM's other features include a data analysis of every alert, as well as independent and court validated testing.

"Cost will be a determining factor in the analysis of potential for expansion," said Commissioner Edward J. Dolan.

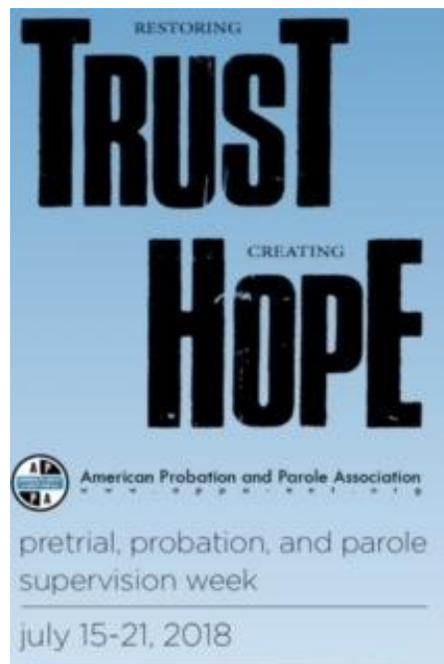
Pires said a "Step-Up, Step-Down" approach will also be explored. For those who are unable to maintain their sobriety and repeatedly violate their probation by drinking alcohol, will be placed or "stepped-up" to the CAM technology, he said. Individuals on the CAM device who improve and are following their conditions of probation by not drinking will be "stepped down" to SCRAM. Pires said Plymouth District Court was chosen as the pilot site because it is "one of the biggest courts for SCRAM use." There are 70 on SCRAM at the court.

For more information on this new device, click on the following link:

<https://www.scramsystems.com/products/scram-continuous-alcohol-monitoring/>

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## It's Probation Supervision Month



The Massachusetts Probation Service joined Probation agencies across the country and Canada in observing Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week last week, July 15 -20, 2018 and as the nation's first Probation Service, MPS will continue its traditional month-long observance through the end of August. Probation was established in 1841 by Boston shoemaker John Augustus.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Restoring Trust, Creating Hope."

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## New Bedford and Chelsea Probation Officers are Involved in life-saving efforts



Left to right: Antonio "Tony" Lima, New Bedford Police Officers James Marinelli, New Bedford Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro, retired corrections officer Alan Belong, and Maria Giesta. Photo courtesy of the New Bedford Standard Times.



Pictured from left to right: Chelsea District Court Officer Steven D'Amato, Chief Court Officer Brian Nichols, Judge Matthew Machera, Probation Officer Erin Hudd, and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Frank Russo. Assistant Chief Elliot Posada not in photo. Photo credit: Coria Holland

New Bedford Probation Officer Antonio "Tony" Lima was on his way to the tailor to pick up a suit when he saw a woman slouched and unresponsive in front of a CVS pharmacy. He walked over to check on her just as retired corrections officer Adam Belong drove up, exited his car, and offered to assist.

As Lima called 911, the woman became alert and pulled out a knife and began stabbing herself with it. The incident occurred in February.

Lima said his training as a Probation Officer kicked in as he and Belong, who were later joined by New Bedford Police Officer James Marinelli, attempted to wrest the knife out of her hand which they did successfully after a long struggle. The woman was transported to the hospital and released. Lima, Belong, and Marinelli were honored in May by New Bedford Police.

"They jumped into action, putting themselves at risk of personal injury to themselves. You gentlemen serve as examples. We're shining a light on you today," said New Bedford Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro at a press conference.

On April 27, Chelsea District Court Probation Officer Erin Hudd along with Court Officer Steven D'Amato, Assistant Chief Court Officer Elliot Posada, and Chief Court Officer Brian Nichols worked together to save the life of a man who was experiencing an opioid overdose in the court bathroom. Hudd had a hunch that the man she supervised through Drug Court had relapsed. She coaxed him into coming into the court. While Hudd searched for a judge, the probationer went into the bathroom where court officers found him and resuscitated him using NARCAN. The probationer was last reported to be in residential treatment.

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## **12th Annual HEAT Conference explored current Opioid and substance abuse trends**



Photo courtesy of Chief Vincent Piro. Left to right: Woburn District Chief and HEAT Program co-founder Vincent Piro; Renee Marcou and Sylvia Fitzpatrick of the Wilmington-based Brady's Foundation; and HEAT Program co-founder, retired Probation Officer Michael Higgins.

More than 300 law enforcement, Massachusetts Probation Service, and treatment and health services professionals attended the 12th Annual HEAT (Heroin Education Awareness Task) Force Conference to discuss the latest substance abuse trends and new approaches to dealing with the opioid epidemic. The conference took place June 15 at the Hilton Hotel Boston/Woburn.

Since its inception, HEAT has educated more than 8,000 people about opioid addiction and has helped 3,200 individuals find treatment.

HEAT Conference presenters explored a range of substance and addiction-related topics that range from current Emergency Room trends, the new marijuana and THC legislation and laws, and community collaboration and law enforcement. Several youths in recovery also shared their stories of addiction and rehabilitation.

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## **Court leaders address Probation's Cultural Proficiency Champions**



Left to right: Pamerson Ifill, Region 1 Regional Supervisor, Appeals Court Justice Mary Thomas-Sullivan, Probation Commissioner Edward J. Dolan, Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey, Court Administrator Jonathan Williams, and First Justice Julie Bernard. Photo credit: Coria Holland

More than 100 Massachusetts Probation Service (MPS) and Trial Court employees attended a training for Cultural Proficiency Champions (CPC) and members of the Workforce Diversity and Cultural Competency (WDCC) Steering Committee on Thursday, May 17, at the Probation's Training Academy in Clinton. The Training which also featured talks by Probation and Trial Court leaders, served as a launch to prepare for the week-long Cultural Appreciation Week 2018 scheduled for September 24 - 28.

Probation Commissioner Edward J. Dolan, Chief Justice Paula Carey, Court Administrator Jonathan Williams, Brockton District Court First Justice Julie Bernard, and Appeals Court Justice Mary Thomas-Sullivan were among the key presenters for the audience of CPC's. They addressed topics that included the goals of the Trial Court on diversity, equity, and inclusion; MPS's Strategic Plan; and MPS's Employee Satisfaction survey results.

The CPC's also presented on such topics as a Diversity Media List, MPS's Employee Satisfaction survey and a "Conversation on Race," an in-depth look at such issues as unconscious bias, cross cultural communication, and sentencing practices presented by Regional Supervisor.

A pre-Cultural Appreciation Week meeting for Cultural Proficiency Champions

will take place on Friday, September 7, 10 am, at the Massachusetts Probation Service Training Academy.



Cultural Proficiency Champions at May training held at the Massachusetts Probation Service Training Academy. Photo credit: Coria Holland.

## An MPS Cultural Appreciation Week reminder

**Please fill out and send in your activity log before**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**



Dear MPS Employees:

Please remember to mark your calendar!

The excitement of Cultural Appreciation Week-- scheduled for Monday, September 24, to Friday, September 28 -- is growing as activities at courts

and community corrections centers across the state are being planned and scheduled. Last year, Probation introduced and the Trial Court embraced the first Cultural Appreciation Day event which featured ethnic foods, dance, music, book discussions, cultural presentations, and clothing. Because of its success last year, the one-day event has been expanded to a one-week celebration.

Cultural Proficiency Champions, a user-friendly, fillable activity log has been created to assist you in your planning efforts for the first Cultural Appreciation Week statewide celebration. The form can be accessed by clicking this link:

[ <https://survey.vovici.com/se/54861F09047EBE8D> ]

There is also a fillable PDF form which you may find on Courtyard.

Please submit your completed form on or before **Wednesday, August 15, 2018**.

The form will be received by the Communications Office in the Office of the Commissioner of Probation (OCP) and the information will be helpful for the Cultural Appreciation Week Planning Committee to coordinate various activities and to maximize publicity, attendance and needed support to make the events a success.

The form asks for a description of your event, time, location, and contact person.

Cultural Proficiency Champions (CPC) statewide are encouraged to start local planning for their celebrations of cultural, race, and gender diversity at their courts and community corrections centers and submit the information no later than Wednesday, August 15, using the form.

Thank you and I look forward to celebrating with you the rich cultural, ethnic, racial, and gender diversity of our agency.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Dolan, Commissioner  
The Massachusetts Probation Service (MPS)

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## **Chief Probation Officers Association hosts its Annual Spring Conference**

The Chief Probation Officers Association (CPOA) hosted its annual Spring Conference on May 10 at the Endicott Estate in Dedham where CPOA Treasurer Mark Prisco presented Senator Michael Rush with the 2018 Legislative Excellence Award. The keynote speaker for the conference was Christopher Malone, Chief United States Probation Officer for the District of Massachusetts.

The Chiefs also observed a presentation and participated in a discussion on Sexual Offender Supervision Standards. Ninety-five percent of the Chiefs statewide are members of the CPOA, according to Association President Alfred Barbalunga who is Chief Probation Officer at Southern Berkshire District Court. The Fall CPOA conference is scheduled to take place October 11 & 12 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center.

For more details, contact Chief and CPOA President Barbalunga:  
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## National Month Observances

MPS employees participated in national observances during the months of May, National Drug Court Month; June, National Pride Month; July is Probation Supervision Month; and on the first Tuesday of August is National Night Out.

Probation employees celebrated National Drug Court in May. In Massachusetts, there are 27 adult Drug Courts and three juvenile Drug Courts. June was National Pride Month, a celebration of the LGBTQ community. All Trial Court employees recently participated in an online training on the transgender community. Lynn District Drug Court Coordinator Raquel "Rikki" Provda-Tran shared information on "Suited," a movie she believes complements this training. Click here for information about this documentary and where you can view it: [https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_www.hbo.com\\_content\\_hboweb\\_en\\_documentaries\\_suited\\_synopsis.html&d=DwIFaQ&c=IDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns\\_w&r=9Z-tJNvtl-L1yZNPBVNkkRqGq5T6yDqTZS2km5qzbRM&m=w7J3UQNlw3sHyHO2Ke74NEAOLFybvgoROoo8y6IKQkl&s=s0vYIzf\\_r-nDjOhn2RmG6\\_kAlfao25mhnFNmxM15Rw8&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_www.hbo.com_content_hboweb_en_documentaries_suited_synopsis.html&d=DwIFaQ&c=IDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w&r=9Z-tJNvtl-L1yZNPBVNkkRqGq5T6yDqTZS2km5qzbRM&m=w7J3UQNlw3sHyHO2Ke74NEAOLFybvgoROoo8y6IKQkl&s=s0vYIzf_r-nDjOhn2RmG6_kAlfao25mhnFNmxM15Rw8&e=)

The week of July 16 was National Probation, Pre-Trial, Parole, and Community Supervision Week as set by the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA). This observance is celebrated by Probation, Parole and affiliated criminal justice agencies throughout the United States and Canada. This year's theme is "Restoring Trust, Creating Hope."

Probation Departments across the state participate in National Night Out activities in their local communities. National Night Out, "an annual community-building campaign that promotes criminal justice-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safe, will take place this year on Tuesday, August 7.

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## Probation employees participate in Court mentoring programs

## Lowell District hosts Color of Justice event



Lowell District First Justice Stacey Fortes. On right: Lowell District Chief Probation Officer Steven Mastandrea participates in "What is it like to work in a courthouse" panel. Mastandrea was joined by Assistant Chief Frederick Clark.



Photo courtesy of First Justice Stacey Fortes. From left: Juvenile Court Chief Justice Amy Nechtem, Supreme Judicial Court Justice Kimberly Budd, Lowell District Judge Barbara Savitt Pearson, Lowell District Court First Justice Stacey Fortes, Ayer District Court Judge Margaret Guzman, Juvenile Court Judge Helen Brown Bryant, and District Court Judge Ellen Caulo.

Lowell District Chief Probation Officer Steven Mastandrea and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Frederick Clark were among the presenters and panelists at "The Color of Justice," a recent day-long program at Lowell District Court which was designed to introduce young girls of color, who are in grades middle to high school, to potential future careers in law. The Lowell program was launched by First Justice Stacey Fortes who plans to make it an annual event.

"It's something I've been wanting to do in Lowell for a few years and I finally got it off the ground," said Judge Fortes, a member of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) in District 1, who moderated all three panels featured as part of the event. The Washington, DC-based NAWJ, established in 1979, is described on its website as "a dynamic gathering of women judges who are dedicated to preserving judicial independence to women, minorities, and other historically disfavored groups while increasing the number and

advancement of women judges, and providing cutting-edge judicial education.”

Approximately 40 young women from the Butler and Sullivan middle schools in Lowell, were in attendance at the May 25 event, moderated by Judge Fortes, which featured three panel discussions with speakers who shared their personal experiences, and backgrounds, according to Judge Fortes. The presenters encouraged the students to pursue careers in law, discussed the importance of personal commitment and perseverance, and the role and importance of court staff, probation officers, lawyers, and judges. Chief Mastandrea and Assistant Chief Clark discussed the work of Probation in the “What is it like to work in a courthouse” panel.

## **Estrella Program shines light on Lawrence High students**



Pictured above: Left second row- State Rep. Juana Matias, Former US Attorney General Carmen Ortiz, Ms. Stacy Seward, and Probation Officer Lidia Maldonado (right corner) joined by some of the Estrella 2018 graduates at the reception held at Northern Essex Community College.

A group of 30 young women who are students at Lawrence High School graduated on Monday, June 25, from Estrella, an initiative created to inspire and guide young Latina women. The ceremony was held at Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence. Estrella, which means “Star” in Spanish, was introduced by State Representative Juana Matias and Probate & Family Court Judge Angela Ordoñez and implemented with the help of Estrella board members including Lawrence District Court Probation Officer Lidia Maldonado.

“I am thrilled with the success of the Estrella program as it has given these young women the opportunity to learn from successful women of color. We have empowered them to be proud of their background, embrace who they are and always reach for the stars,” said Ordoñez.

Serving as keynote speaker at the Estrella graduation was former US Attorney General Carmen Ortiz. Maldonado, who was presented with the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 2018 Unsung Heroine Award on June 20, also spoke at the ceremony.

## MPS celebrated Law Day at courts across the Commonwealth



Photo by Chief Probation Officer Kevin C. Meaney. Left to right: Chief Justice Paul C. Dawley, Natick Clerk Magistrate Brian Kearney, Presiding First Justice David Cunis, Probation Officer Brian Torpey, CPO Meaney, Judge Jenn Stark, and Attorney Dan Capetta.

**Framingham/Natick District Court** celebrated Law Day on April 26 with a ceremony and Chief Justice Paul C. Dawley serving as guest speaker. As part of the celebration, two recipients—Probation Officer Brian Torpey and Attorney Dan Capetta--were presented with the Judge Healey Award for their demonstration of "outstanding service and dedication to the Veterans Court," according to Chief Meaney.

**Greenfield District Court** hosted a Law Day celebration on May 1. The theme was "Separation of Powers" and the keynote speaker was Civil Rights Attorney Buz Eisenberg. This day featured guided tours of the court and Probation Officers met with students from local schools to discuss the Probation profession.

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## Suffolk Juvenile hosted its annual Dancing with the Stars fundraiser



Photo courtesy of Attorney Thomas McGovern. Front, left to right: Suffolk Juvenile Probation Officer Reynaldo Ford and Probation Officer II Ronald White. Back, left to right: Probation Officer Mabel Skelton and Office Manager Juliet Farrell.

Suffolk Juvenile Court, including its Probation personnel, hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Dancing with the Court Stars" event, a fundraiser for the Judge Roderick Ireland Children's Fund Inc. Approximately \$15,000 was raised that evening which drew a standing room only crowd.

The Ireland Children's Fund was created in 1990 by attorneys in Boston Juvenile Court to honor Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Roderick Ireland for "his 13 years of devotion on behalf of court-involved children and their families." The Judge Ireland Children's Fund attained 501 C3 status in 2015.

The event --a collaboration of the Suffolk Juvenile Probation and Clerk's Departments, Court Clinic, Department of Children and Families (DCF), and attorneys-- was held at Floridian Hall in Dorchester on June 14. First Justice Terry Craven and Judge James Torney served as the master of ceremonies for the event. The proceeds are used to provide clients with clothing, food for their families, and recreational activities such as summer camp.

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## Probation in the News



The Eastern Hampshire District Court's Womanhood Program was featured in the Boston Voyager this week. Click on this link to read about the program:

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The Womanhood Program was also featured in the Daily Hampshire Gazette and the Western Mass News. Here are links to those stories:

Daily Hampshire Gazette:

<https://www.gazettenet.com/Womanhood-program-17693827>

Western Mass News link (fast forward past commercial):

[ [https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A\\_www.westernmassnews.com\\_clip\\_14382849\\_a-2Dlook-2Dat-2Deastern-2Dhampshire-2Ddistrict-2Dcourts-2Dwomanhood-2Dprogram-2Dgraduation&d=DwMFAg&c=IDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns\\_w&r=9Z-tJNvtl-L1yZNPHVNkkRqGq5T6yDqTZS2km5qzbRM&m=NaO4eBPkV9gEdQw4ksjORxaYG-gNAXSrVDcsw50cXxc&s=Qopv-EDXRp8xr2jSAC0TEfxhB6drxCz30drdjrok0S8&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A_www.westernmassnews.com_clip_14382849_a-2Dlook-2Dat-2Deastern-2Dhampshire-2Ddistrict-2Dcourts-2Dwomanhood-2Dprogram-2Dgraduation&d=DwMFAg&c=IDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w&r=9Z-tJNvtl-L1yZNPHVNkkRqGq5T6yDqTZS2km5qzbRM&m=NaO4eBPkV9gEdQw4ksjORxaYG-gNAXSrVDcsw50cXxc&s=Qopv-EDXRp8xr2jSAC0TEfxhB6drxCz30drdjrok0S8&e=) | <http://www.westernmassnews.com/clip/14382849/a-look-at-eastern-hampshire-district-courts-womanhood-program-graduation> ]

The Hampshire Family Resolution Court's recent international award was featured in the Hampshire Daily Gazette. To read it, click on this link:

<http://www.gazettenet.com/Hampshire-County-Family-Resolutions-Specialty-Court-wins-national-award-18600192>

NBC Nightly News' Ron Allen did a story on the Julie Eldred case which is currently before the Supreme Judicial Court.

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New Bedford District Probation Officer II is featured in a Southcoast Week article on his bravery and how he came to the aid of a distraught woman intent on harming herself. Click on this link to read the story:

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/news/20180530/three-honored-for-quick-work-bravery-in-public-suicide-attempt>

The Berkshire Eagle featured the Empowering Families graduation on May \_\_\_\_. Here is a link to the story:

<https://www.berkshireeagle.com/stories/slightly-genius-program-hones-parents-communications-skills-for-the-sake-of-children,540861>

Uxbridge District Court's Intensive Probation Supervision Program graduation

was featured in the Worcester Telegram on May 25. The following is the link to the story: <http://www.telegram.com/news/20180525/court-drug-treatment-program-recognizes-graduates>

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## Norfolk Probate & Family hosts Annual Art Show



Artist Zoe, who donated her framed artwork, and Norfolk Probate & Family Chief Probation Officer Donna Feinberg.

Norfolk Probate & Family Court's 3rd Annual Art Show, a collaboration between Canton Public Schools and the Norfolk Probate and Family Court and its Probation Department, took place on June 5 at the courthouse in Canton. The name of the show was "Children Matter."

"We had almost a 100% participation from our Probation Department members, including support staff, to help make this show happen. It was a great undertaking with about 200 guests (the child artists and their families)," said Chief Probation Officer Donna Feinberg.

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## Greenfield District and Franklin Superior Womanhood Program Career Clothing Drive



Left to right: Greenfield District Probation Officer Katherine (Maggie) Ross preparing clothing for distribution. Second photo, left to right: Greenfield District Judicial Assistant Sheila Schick, Case

Greenfield District Court and Franklin Superior Court staff teamed up to conduct a one-month clothing drive for women's business attire which was distributed to job-seeking participants of Greenfield District's Womanhood Program on April 28.

This successful first-time clothing drive outfitted 10 women, four of whom live in residential treatment, according to Probation Officer Manager Leigh Faulkner who assisted in the effort. Faulkner said court staff throughout the Franklin County Justice Center donated business suits, pants, dresses, blouses, scarves, shoes, purses, socks, and stockings. Franklin Superior Court Probation Officer Jaimye Hawkins and Greenfield District Probation Officer Katharine "Maggie" Ross introduced the idea of the clothing drive and are planning to conduct it annually.

The Greenfield District Court Womanhood Program is one of four Womanhood Programs statewide. These programs address such issues as substance abuse, domestic violence, breast and cervical cancer. Other offerings include therapy through art, self-defense, and self-care. Job skills training such as resume writing, job search, and interviewing skills are also offered.

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## Community Service and Court Facilities Collaborate on statewide Tree Planting Project

*"He who plants a tree, plants hope," Lucy Larcom*



Pictured above, along with probationers are, from left to right: Deputy Director of Facilities Management Anthony Duros, First Justice Michael Norman, Gardner Chief Probation Officer Diane Massouh, Zack Massouh, Court Facilities Bureau Representative (Fred) Eleutherios Yalouris, Probation Officer Rachel Pawlina, Probation Officer Sean Gorman, Probation Officer Tracey Pisano, Probation Operations Supervisor Christine Stimson, Probation Officer William Goodell, Assistant Chief Probation Officer Terrence Moran, and Court Facilities Edward Gaskell.

Probationers, who are part of the Massachusetts Trial Court Community

Service Program, planted an Elm tree at each of five different court sites across the Commonwealth.

"We are enthusiastic about the opportunity to engage probationers in a pro-social community activity that allows them to be part of a larger social movement while taking responsibility for their local community," said Vincent L. Lorenti, Director of the Office of Community Corrections.

The statewide planting of the Princeton Elm tree is a collaborative effort between Community Service and the Trial Court Facilities Department. The idea for the project came about as a way to commemorate Earth Day back in April.

This celebration of nature launched at Hingham District Court in May. Tree plantings also took place at Pittsfield and Newburyport courts on May 25 and May 29 respectively. Additional tree plantings were performed at Waltham District Court on Tuesday, May 29, and Gardner District Court on Friday, June 1.

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## **Massachusetts Probation Service employees take White Ribbon Pledge to end violence**

In observance of the Massachusetts White Ribbon Campaign, Probation employees across the state on March 1--White Ribbon Day-- took the White Ribbon Pledge to end violence against women as well as all gender-based violence. They donned a white ribbon lapel pin to symbolize their commitment.

The activities kicked off a month-long observance during which Massachusetts Probation Service (MPS) employees are asked to wear the white ribbon pin throughout the month of March.

MPS's Victim Services Unit (VSU)--five Victim Service Coordinators and the statewide director--attended ceremonies and led the signing of the Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Pledge as well as captured these events in photographs to commemorate the day.

The White Ribbon Campaign was created by a group of Canadian men in 1991 on the second anniversary of a massacre of 14 women. They began the White Ribbon Campaign to urge men to speak out against violence against women.

Probation Commissioner Edward Dolan said he believes the White Ribbon Campaign is a cause that is important to the Massachusetts Probation Service and the victims and survivors the agency serves.

"As the Probation Service, we see the devastating effects of violence against women, against intimate partners every day. It is crucial that we effectively support victims and survivors as part of a strategy of prevention and intervention to end this violence," Commissioner Dolan said.

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