

**Pre-Trial Intervention  
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Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI) is a part of the Circuit Solicitor's Office that works with offenders in an effort to keep them out of court. If a person is accepted into PTI, and successfully completes the requirements, the charges against them are dismissed and can then be expunged (destroyed). A person is only allowed to participate in the PTI Program one time, anywhere in the State of South Carolina.

Acceptance into PTI depends upon the charge, prior criminal history, victim recommendation, law enforcement recommendation and restitution amount. The decision is made by the Assistant Solicitor handling the case.

PTI cannot be considered for individuals charged with blackmail, DUI, any traffic offense which is punishable only by fine or loss of points, or any wildlife offense punishable by a loss of 18 points, or any crime of violence as defined by §16-1-60. However, this section does not apply if the solicitor determines the elements of the crime do not fit the charge. Section 16-1-60 defines violent crimes as murder (Section 16-3-10); criminal sexual conduct in the first and second degree (Sections 16-3-652 and 16-3-653); criminal sexual conduct with minors, first and second degree (Section 16-3-655); assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, first and second degree (Section 16-3-656); assault and battery with intent to kill (Section 16-3-620); kidnapping (Section 16-3-910); voluntary manslaughter (Section 16-3-50); armed robbery (Section 16-11-330(A)); attempted armed robbery (Section 16-11-330(B)); carjacking (Section 16-3-1075); drug trafficking as defined in Sections 44-53-370(e) and 44-53-375(C); arson in the first degree (Section 16-11-110(A)); arson in the second degree (Section 16-11-110 (B)); burglary in the first degree (Section 16-11-311); burglary in the second degree (Section 16-11-312 (B)); engaging a child for a sexual performance (Section 16-3-810); homicide by child abuse (Section 16-3-85(A)( 1)); aiding and abetting homicide by child abuse (Section 16-3-85(A)(2)); inflicting great bodily injury upon a child (Section 16-3-95(A)); allowing great bodily injury to be inflicted upon a child (Section 16-3-95(B)); accessory before the fact to commit any of the above offenses (Section 16-1-40); attempt to commit any of the above offenses (Section 16-1-80); and taking of a hostage by an inmate (Section 24-13-450). Only those offenses specifically enumerated in this section are considered violent offenses

Prior to any person being admitted to a PTI program the victim, if any, of the crime for which the applicant is charged and the law enforcement agency employing the arresting officer shall be asked to comment in writing as to whether or not the applicant should be allowed to enter an intervention program. These recommendations will be considered in this decision making process.

Participation in the program may include, but is not limited to: individual counseling, group counseling, payment of restitution, AA / NA meetings, community service work, referrals to outside agencies such as the Alcohol and Drug Commission, mental health or treatment facilities, court observation, and drug testing.

At the end of 90 days, the case is reviewed. If all requirements have been met, the case can be recommended for successful termination. The maximum time allowed for a person to participate in PTI is one year. Any person who does not cooperate fully will have their case returned to court for prosecution.