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**Nationally renowned expert on addiction recovery therapy
to speak at DUI Court Graduation**

DAYTONA BEACH - A national renowned expert on therapy for those suffering from addiction, who also co-authored a leading book on addiction treatment, will give the keynote address at the Oct. 8 graduation for Volusia County DUI Court.

Kenneth Robinson, Ed.D., co-author of "How to Escape Your Prison," will speak at the ceremony scheduled for 3:30 p.m., on Oct. 8, in Courtroom 5 at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island, 125 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach. Volusia County Court Judge Judith R. Davidson will preside over the graduation, which is the 19th ceremony for the DUI Court program.

The public and the media are invited to attend.

Dr. Robinson is one of the most respected teachers on correctional counseling and is one of the developers of "moral reconnection therapy," a treatment strategy that seeks to decrease recidivism among criminal offenders by increasing moral reasoning. This type of therapy is used by DUI and Drug Courts nationwide and his book remains one of the only evidence-based practice books used in the treatment of addiction. He has served as faculty of the National Judicial College, based in Reno, Nev., and has served as a consultant with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the National Institute of Corrections.

Volusia County DUI Court is a comprehensive court program for substance abusers charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence. This voluntary program involves supervision and treatment with the goal of having each participant become sober, law-abiding members of the community. The program requires regular court appearances before the DUI Court judge, community supervision, substance abuse treatment counseling, random drug and alcohol testing, and support group meeting attendance.

Since the inception of the Volusia County DUI Court Program in 2012, there have been 59 graduates. Another three people are expected to graduate at the Oct. 8 ceremony and there are 29 people currently enrolled in the program.

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