

## District Courts of Plymouth County

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### District Court of Brockton

215 Main Street

508-587-8000

Jurisdiction: Abington, Bridgewater,  
Brockton, East Bridgewater,  
West Bridgewater and Whitman

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### District Court of Hingham

28 George Washington Blvd.

781-749-8580

Jurisdiction: Hanover, Hingham, Hull,  
Norwell, Rockland and Scituate

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### District Court of Plymouth

52 Obery Street

508-322-4500

Jurisdiction: Duxbury, Halifax, Hanson,  
Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke,  
Plymouth and Plympton

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### District Court of Wareham

Rt. 28, Wareham

508-295-8300

Jurisdiction: Carver, Lakeville, Marion,  
Mattapoisett, Middleboro, Rochester and  
Wareham



## Diversion Program

### Juvenile and Adult Diversion

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## A Message from the District Attorney:



Many first-time offenders face a number of difficulties and pressures associated with growing up. Some will find themselves in court due to minor errors in judgment.

My office's Diversion Program affords the opportunity for these first-time offenders to learn from their mistake.

Since its inception, it has been shown that the overwhelming majority of these offenders have successfully completed this program, and have learned valuable life lessons of personal and community responsibility.

My office shall continue our commitment to help these offenders who have made mistakes, and to prosecute those who present a danger to society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Cruz".

Timothy J. Cruz  
District Attorney

## The Diversion Program

The District Attorney has discretion as to whether or not certain cases will be prosecuted.

In some circumstances, this discretion is utilized to take eligible juveniles (those under 17) out of the court system and placed into a diversion program of community service administered by the District Attorney's Office.

In 2003 District Attorney Timothy Cruz implemented the Adult Diversion program.

This program was designed to respond to the widespread concern of underage alcohol abuse. It is offered primarily to adult first-time offenders (ages 17-21) who have been arrested or summonsed into court for minor alcohol related offenses.

In exchange for not being prosecuted and more involved in the Massachusetts legal system, the adult first-time offender or the juvenile and his/her parents or guardian must agree to perform community service and make full restitution to the parties injured as a result of the offenses committed.



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## Juvenile Diversion

The Juvenile Diversion Program at the District Attorney's Office has been very successful in putting the lives of young men and women back on track, and allowing them alternatives to criminal records, probation and the possibility of incarceration.

The staff of the program works diligently with the court system to ensure the offender provides adequate service to the community, while at the same time, taking responsibility for the alleged crime he/she has committed.

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## Adult Diversion

The adult first-time offender must appear in court, yet is never formally arraigned before a judge or a clerk magistrate.

He or she must agree to sign a contract with the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office. This contract requires the individual to participate in a drug/alcohol educational program which consists of four consecutive classes.

In addition, the individual is required to perform community service in his/her hometown or city.