



Alternative Sentencing Programs

The Spotsylvania Commonwealth's Attorney's Office participates in several programs designed to rehabilitate offenders, rather than incarcerate them. These programs are:

- Rappahannock Regional Drug Court
 - This program helps divert non-violent offenders from jail by offering substance abuse treatment over incarceration. The court helps individuals who have been arrested and who have a substance use disorder. The program includes frequent drug testing, substance abuse therapy, and supervision. Successful graduates in many circumstances are able to have a felony offense dismissed.
- Spotsylvania Veteran's Docket
 - This program helps U.S. Military veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system. It helps divert generally non-violent offenders from jail by offering substance abuse and mental health treatment over incarceration. Successful graduates in many circumstances are able to have a felony offense dismissed.
- Spotsylvania CA's Office & Rappahannock Regional Jail **SLATE** Program
 - This program is a joint effort between the two agencies to give first time offenders a chance to have a criminal charge dismissed. The participant's matter is continued for six (6) months and they must perform 50 hours of community service work through the SLATE probation officer at the jail. The work will consist of trash pickup in Spotsylvania County as the participants are assigned to the Spotsylvania County Litter work crews to perform their hours. Thus, the program is named the **SLATE (Spotsylvania Litter and Trash Elimination) Program**. It offers the participant a chance to "Wipe their slate clean" of a criminal conviction.