

ATTACHMENT A
Participant Contract
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
RENEW-CAMDEN PROGRAM
CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION

Name:

Case number:

Offense:

Date of Conviction:

Sentence:

Supervised release start date:

Special Conditions:

I. INTRODUCTION

ReNew-Camden is a program that is specifically designed to help you successfully reenter your community while on Federal Supervised Release and become a productive member of society.

Participation is voluntary and there will be no negative consequences if you choose not to participate.

The goal of ReNew-Camden is to assist you with community-based resources, such as drug treatment, health and welfare services, educational and vocational placement, as well as assistance with obtaining employment, family counseling, and education. You may have a member of the community as a mentor.

You will have frequent contact with your federal probation officer, who will match your needs with available resources and help you take advantage of them.

You are to appear every two weeks before a federal judge or judges (the “ReNew-Camden Judge”), who will talk with you, your family (if you chose), and/or your mentor about your progress.

Participation in ReNew-Camden lasts for at least one year.

The ReNew-Camden judge will give you credit toward that year for every two-week period of satisfactory performance. You will not get credit for any two-week period of unsatisfactory performance, although it will sometimes be possible for you to earn back that credit. You may get extra credit or earn lost credits back for extraordinary performance. In order to graduate from the program, you will need a total of 52 weeks of satisfactory performance.

By signing this form in Section V below, you agree to participate in the District of New Jersey’s ReNew-Camden Program for individuals on federal supervised release.

We look forward to working with you and believe you have the ability to succeed in this program.

Read this form carefully before you sign it. If you have any questions, ask your probation officer. By agreeing to participate in this program, you put yourself under intensive supervision of the Court. If you successfully complete the program, you will receive a recommendation from the ReNew-Camden Judge to your sentencing District Court Judge for a one-year reduction in your term of supervised release at graduation. The decision to grant the one year reduction is within the sole discretion of the U.S. District Court Judge with jurisdiction over a participant’s supervised release.

II. HOW RENEW-CAMDEN WORKS

ReNew-Camden is different from regular Federal Supervised Release in two ways:

- (1) On regular Federal Supervised Release, you report to an *individual* federal probation officer regularly but see a judge only if you commit a violation.

In ReNew-Camden, you are also on Federal Supervised Release, but you will have a *group* of people – including a federal probation officer, the ReNew-Camden Judge or Judges, and other ReNew-Camden program personnel – working together to help you succeed. You will see your probation officer often and meet with the ReNew-Camden Judge or Judges twice a month; and

- (2) After you successfully complete 52 weeks in ReNew-Camden, you will graduate and move to regular Federal Probation Supervision for the remainder of your term of supervised release. When you graduate from the ReNew-Camden Program, the ReNew-Camden Judge will make a non-binding recommendation to the District Court judge who first sentenced you to reduce your total term of supervised release by one year. After you have successfully completed the 52 week program but before the sentencing judge decides the motion to reduce the term of your supervised release you must abide by all the terms of your supervised release. Failure to do so may result in the motion not being filed or having it withdrawn if it was filed but not yet decided, all within the discretion of the ReNew-Camden Program personnel, or may result in the motion being denied by the District Court Judge who retains jurisdiction of your case throughout the Program.

If you participate in this program, you will agree to have the ReNew-Camden Judge or Judges monitor your progress and impose certain penalties or restrictions if you violate the conditions of your ReNew-Camden supervised release. The penalties or restrictions (generally listed in Section III below) are designed to help you by encouraging you to reflect on your behavior, stay away from people and places that get you into trouble, and act responsibly.

Probation officers from the U.S. Probation Department will thoroughly assess and then make a plan for your projected activities for the first three to six months of your release (“ReNew-Camden Plan”). Probation officers will work with you to

identify problems that you are facing and propose referrals, including for health and welfare services, educational and job placement, drug treatment, and mental health and family counseling. This ReNew-Camden plan will be signed by you and the probation officer and submitted to ReNew-Camden Judge or Judges for approval.

III. WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM THE COURT

1. The ReNew-Camden Judge or Judges will give you personal attention at regular meetings. He or she will discuss your progress and address any concerns you or the probation officers have.
2. The ReNew-Camden Judge or Judges will encourage you when you are doing well. He or she may also offer the following rewards:
 - a. Verbal recognition of improvement or success;
 - b. Restoring lost credit toward completion;
 - c. Additional credit toward completion;
 - d. Permission to leave court early;
 - e. Gift certificates;
 - f. Refreshments & snacks;
 - g. Certificates of advancement/ achievement;
 - h. Providing extra services;
 - i. Graduation from the ReNew-Camden Program; and
 - j. Other appropriate rewards determined by the probation officer or the Court on a case-by-case basis.
3. The ReNew-Camden Judge or Judges will hold you accountable for abiding by the program's requirements. If you violate conditions of the program, the ReNew-Camden Judge or Judges may impose one or more of the following sanctions:
 - a. Judicial reprimand (a formal disapproval of your conduct which goes in your official file);
 - b. Loss of credit toward your completion of the program;

- c. Writing assignment, sometimes with presentation for all participants;
- d. An increase in reporting requirements and/or an increase in the frequency of urine testing;
- e. A curfew or geographic and associational restrictions, including limiting the places that you may go or persons with whom you may associate;
- f. Community service;
- g. Observing a day in Court;
- h. Home confinement with electronic monitoring;
- i. Placement in a halfway house;
- j. Imprisonment for up to seven days;
- k. Termination of participation in the program; and
- l. Other appropriate sanctions on a case-by-case basis.

IV. EXPECTATIONS RENEW-CAMDEN HAS OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Obey all of the conditions of your supervision and your individual ReNew-Camden plan;
2. Obey all drug and alcohol limitations imposed upon you;
3. Submit all urine specimens as instructed;
4. Stay in touch with your probation officer as directed;
5. Attend all twice-monthly hearings with the ReNew-Camden Court and be open and honest about your behavior;
6. Remain employed full-time or part-time, enrolled in school full-time or part-time, actively engaged in the search for gainful employment, or be productively involved with the community in some other positive way as approved by your probation officer and as described in your ReNew-Camden plan;
7. Maintain or make progress toward finding a home and stabilizing your finances;
8. Participate fully in any necessary job training or drug/mental health treatment;

9. Fulfill all other court-ordered financial obligations including restitution and child support; and
10. Maintain a positive attitude about yourself and your ability to succeed.

V. SIGNATURES

I have read this form, and I understand it. I agree to participate in the District of New Jersey's ReNew-Camden Program and to abide by its rules. I also agree that the U.S. Probation Office may check my criminal history for three years following completion of the program, to study the effectiveness of the program.

Participant: Name (please print) _____

Signature and date _____

I agree that it is appropriate for the above individual to participate in the District of New Jersey's ReNew-Camden Program.

U.S. Probation Officer: Name (please print) _____

Signature and date _____

Approved: _____

U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen M. Williams, ReNew-Camden Judge

Approved: _____

U.S. District Judge Noel L. Hillman, ReNew-Camden Judge