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On January 14, 2019 the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office, in conjunction with the Delaware County Circuit Court Judges, the Muncie City Court Judge, the Muncie Mission, Road to Redemption, and many others held the Surrender to Freedom Program.

By all accounts the program was a success. Approximately 47 individuals with failure to appear warrants on non-violent crimes came to the Muncie Mission and instead of being arrested, they were given new a court date to appear in court. Those individuals will now have the opportunity to appear in court, get their warrant formally vacated by a judge and start the process of resolving their case.

There were advisors and treatment providers on site at the Muncie Mission to help individuals who may be suffering with substance abuse issues. Of the 47 people who came to the Mission on Monday, seven of them voluntarily entered into a hospital detox program. Detox is the first step to rehabilitation and sobriety. Two people, who did not require detox, voluntarily entered an inpatient rehab facility for treatment and counseling. These treatment numbers could rise in the coming weeks because Road to Redemption will reach out to the 47 people and encourage them to enter into a treatment program.

I would like to personally thank the following for their participation in the program because without their involvement, it would not have been successful:

- Zach Craig, Chief Deputy Prosecutor
- The Board of Delaware County Circuit Court Judges
- The Muncie City Court Judge
- The Delaware County Sheriff's Department
- The Muncie Police Department
- The Muncie Mission
- Road to Redemption
- Big Time Barbell
- Meridian Health Services
- Anthem
- Urban Lighthouse
- Northstar Fayette County Hospital
- New Beginnings
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