

## **Court upholds requirements for teen offenders to go to drug courts**

PHOENIX -- A state court on Tuesday upheld the constitutionality of judges' orders imposing probation terms that require juveniles to participate in county **drug courts**.

In two cases from Maricopa County, the Court of Appeals rejected claims by two juveniles that their involuntary participation in **drug courts** violate their protections against self-incrimination, for due process and for equal protection under the law.

**Drug courts** typically place nonviolent offenders in court-supervised rehabilitation programs that provide substance abuse treatment with incentives and sanctions.

The ruling is the second recent decision in which the Court of Appeals upheld trial courts' authority to impose rehabilitative treatment.

Last April, the Court of Appeals said a defendant who violates his probation for a drug offense cannot reject further probation.

The cases are in re: Miguel R. and in re: Jose Jr., 1 CA-JV 02-0016 and 1 CA-JV 02-0072.

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