# Grand Forks County Domestic Violence Court

# START DATES

Ordering: June 7, 2018 Court: August 15, 2018

#### **JUDGES**

Judge Jason McCarthy Judge Jay Knudson

## **MODEL**

**Post-Conviction** 

### WHEN

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm DVC judge criminal calendar

# **CASES**

- 1. Criminal offenses
- 2. Intimate partner domestic violence
- 3. Adult defendants
- 4. Defendants ordered to complete domestic violence offender programming

Domestic Violence Court (DVC) seeks to increase offender accountability with court orders, to enhance victim safety, to reduce recidivism, and to improve the administration of justice in domestic violence cases.

## WHAT'S NEW?

POST-SENTENCE REVIEW HEARINGS: Offenders will be required to attend periodic post-sentence review hearings to **assess compliance** with court orders.

PARTICIPANT ORIENTATION: Offenders will be required to attend a Domestic Violence Court Participant Orientation within **two weeks** of sentencing or release.

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK: Offenders will be required to track their progress with court orders using a Participant Handbook.

SUSPENDED FINE: The Court could impose, but could also suspend, a **\$500 fine** contingent on completing domestic violence offender treatment.

PROJECT COORDINATOR: A project coordinator will oversee information-sharing, offender compliance tracking and participant orientation.

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