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17th Judicial District Attorney Brian Mason to Testify in Favor of Bill That Would Provide Veterans, with Diagnosed Mental Health Issues, Post-Conviction Support

HB-1016 supports veterans who are convicted in jurisdictions without a Veterans' Court

Adams County—Today, 17th Judicial District Attorney Brian Mason will testify before the Colorado State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee in support of HB-1016. The bill is designed to provide veterans who are convicted of crimes, but are diagnosed with mental health issues, direct access to post-conviction support otherwise only afforded to those whose cases reside in a jurisdiction with a designated Veterans' Court.

HB-1016 would effectively transfer the case, post-conviction, to a jurisdiction that has a Veterans' Court and has availability to take on another individual. Support services would be provided to that individual in the form of telemedicine with a PTSD specialist, a VA housing case manager, a specialized probation officer, and treatment from mental health professionals. DA Mason is a strong supporter of this legislation as the son of an Air Force Veteran and someone who was born on an Air Force base in Germany.

"The women and men who wear the uniform of this country perform a priceless service to our nation," said District Attorney Brian Mason. "Unfortunately, many who serve suffer effects from that service that lead to mental health struggles, substance abuse and even crime. When a veteran comes into the criminal justice system, we owe it to them to serve them in a way that recognizes their service to us."

What:

District Attorney Brian Mason to Testify before Colorado State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

When:

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 after 2:00pm

Where:

Old Supreme Court

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District Attorney Mason assumed the oath of office on January 12, 2021. The 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office prosecutes and seeks justice in criminal felony, misdemeanor, and traffic cases for the citizens of Adams and Broomfield counties.

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