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Columbus City Attorney to Announce Groundbreaking Program to Address Underlying Causes of Crime and Recidivism

Courthouse Program Screens Individuals and Provides Linkage to Community Services

COLUMBUS—TODAY, Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein and Columbus City Councilmember Shayla Favor will hold a media availability to announce a new program implemented by the City Attorney's Office at the Franklin County Municipal Court which seeks to curtail recidivism in our court system by addressing the societal barriers that contribute to individuals committing theft offenses in our community.

City Attorney Klein's pilot program, Helping Understand Barriers (HUB), is first-of-its-kind—unique in its mission of creating a screening process for misdemeanor theft charges in order to seek the underlying reasons (i.e., substance use, food insecurities, etc.) someone may have resorted to stealing, then connecting them to the appropriate community services to address the individual's needs.

This pilot program is another element of City Attorney Klein's broader efforts to comprehensively address the fundamental inefficiencies and inequalities in the criminal justice system.

WHO: Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein, Columbus City Councilmember Shayla Favor, Carrie Baker, President & CEO of Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus

WHAT: Media availability announcing first-of-its kind courthouse program

WHEN: TODAY, Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

*Media can set up at 10:15 a.m.

WHERE: Judge Peeples' Courtroom 14 D
Franklin County Municipal Court
[375 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43215](https://www.columbus.gov/375-S-High-Street-Columbus-OH-43215)

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