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# COURT ORDERED MEDIATIONS IN ARKANSAS

## 2006 STATISTICS FACT SHEET

The following information is based on 325 statistical reporting forms received between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006. Certified mediators are required to fill out a Statistical Reporting Form for each circuit court ordered case they mediate. The ADR Commission office does not have information on the **total number** of mediations ordered by the Arkansas Circuit Courts, only those cases that are reported to our office. Included in this report is a copy of the Statistical Reporting Form used to compile this data.

### RESULTS OF COURT ORDERED MEDIATION SESSIONS:

#### *What types of cases were ordered for mediation? (See Chart 1)*

- Civil - 110 cases (34%)
- Probate – 2 cases (1%)
- Domestic Relations - 142 cases (43%)
- Juvenile – 71 cases (22%)

#### *Did the mediation take place? (See Chart 2)*

- A. No, Mediation never began. – 7 cases (2%)
- B. Yes, but mediation was halted. – 88 cases (27%)
- C. Yes, Mediation was completed with a full agreement. – 195 cases (61%)
- D. Yes, mediation was completed with a partial agreement. – 34 cases (10%)

*Note: 1 case was reported with no settlement information listed.*

#### *Did the judge send all issues of the case to mediation or limited issues? (See Chart 3)*

- 194 cases included **all issues** (59%)
- 77 cases were **limited issues** (24%)
- 54 cases were **unspecified** (17%)

#### *How many mediation sessions were conducted? (See Chart 4)*

Of the 325 reports, 316 reports contained information concerning the number of sessions held. Seven mediations never began, two cases did not specify the number of sessions.

- One session – 276 cases (88%)
- Two sessions – 30 cases (9%)
- Three sessions – 6 cases (2%)
- Four or more sessions – 4 cases (1%)

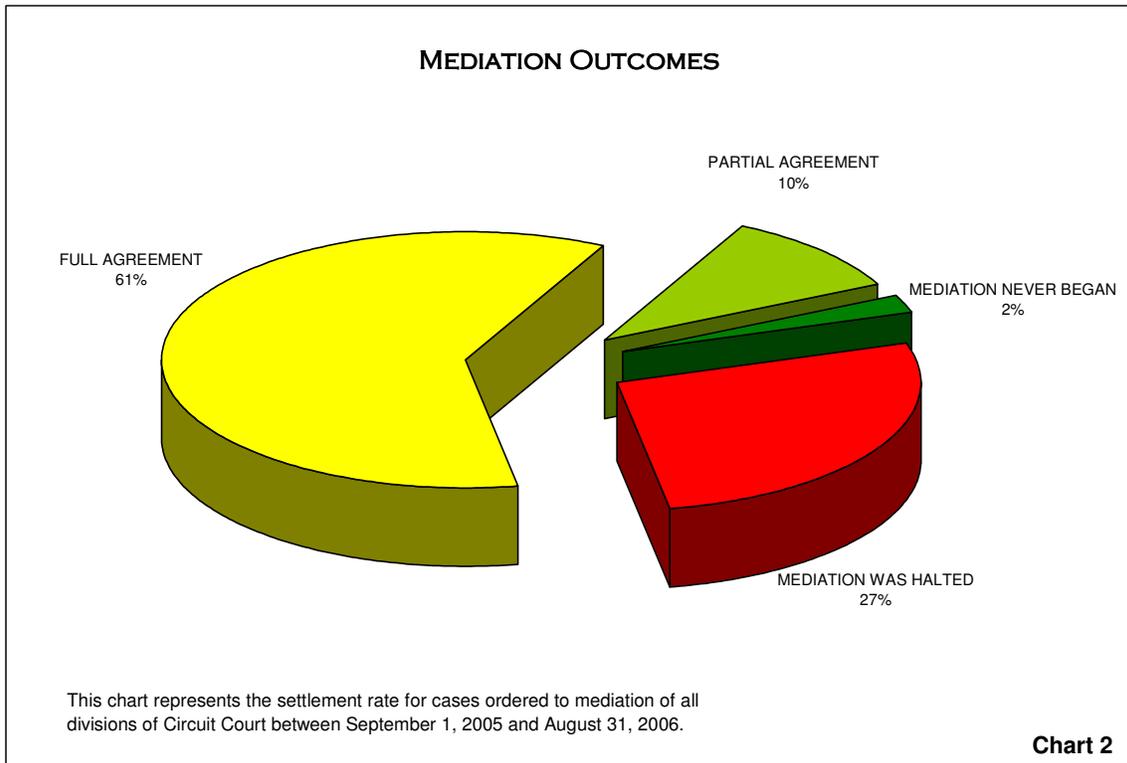
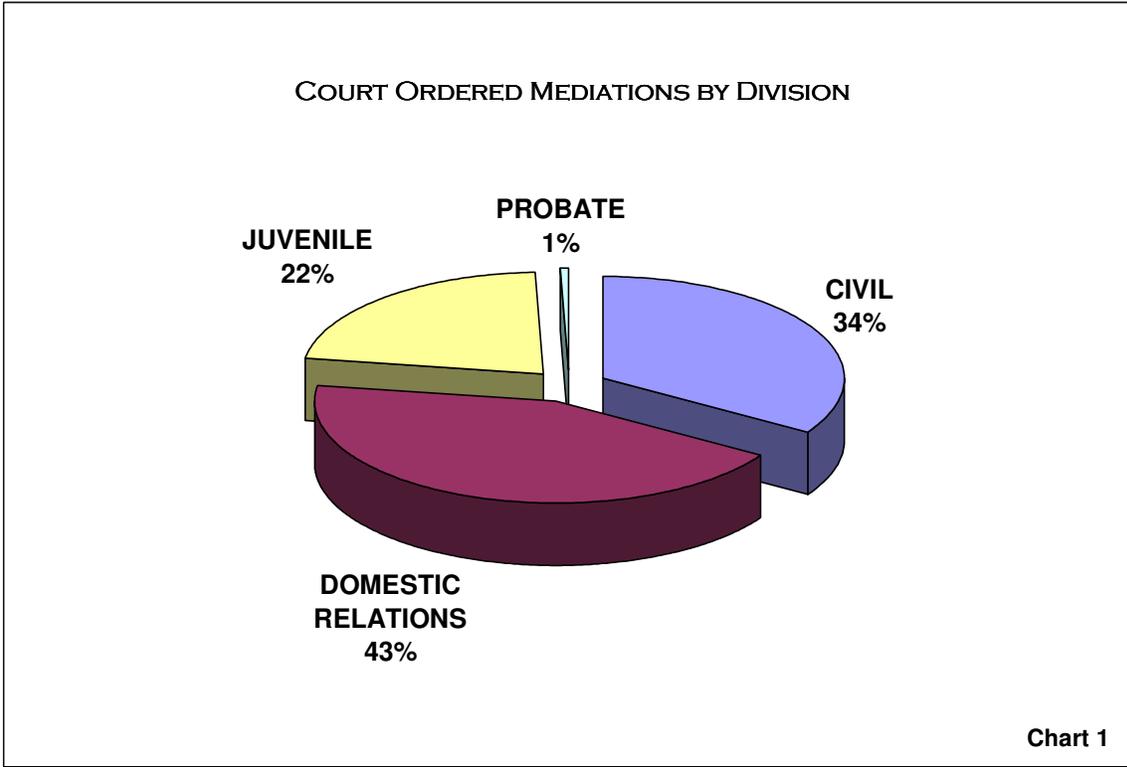
#### *How many TOTAL hours were spent in mediation?*

*(See Charts 5 and 6)*

- 4 hours or less – 164 cases (53%)
- 4.25 - 8 hours – 117 cases (38%)
- 8.25 - 12 hours – 20 cases (6%)

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Over 12 hours – 10 cases (3%)



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*"Did the Judge send all issues of the case to mediation or only limited issues?"*

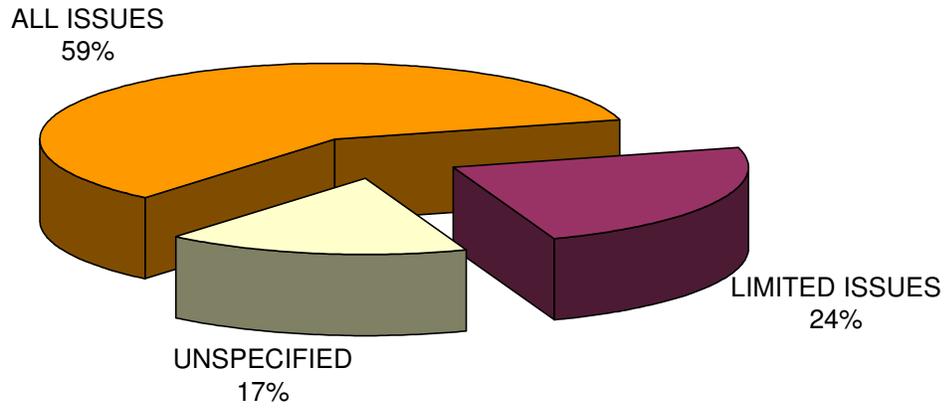


Chart 3

*"How many mediation sessions were held?"*

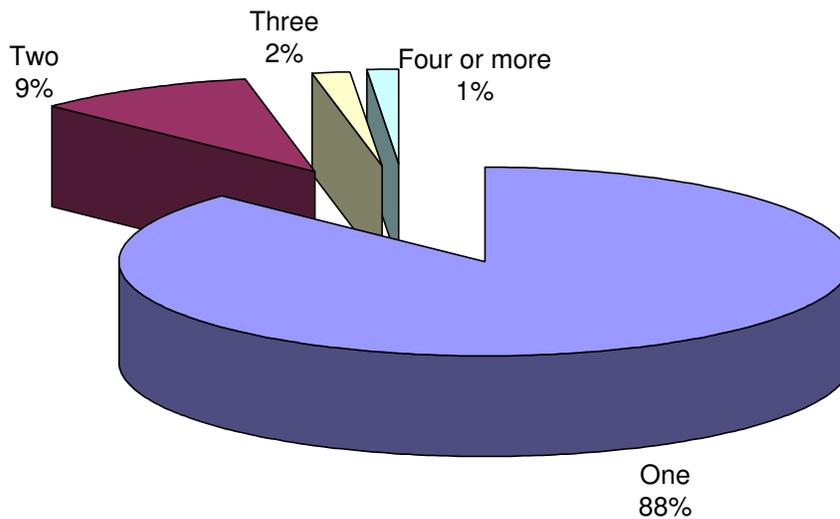
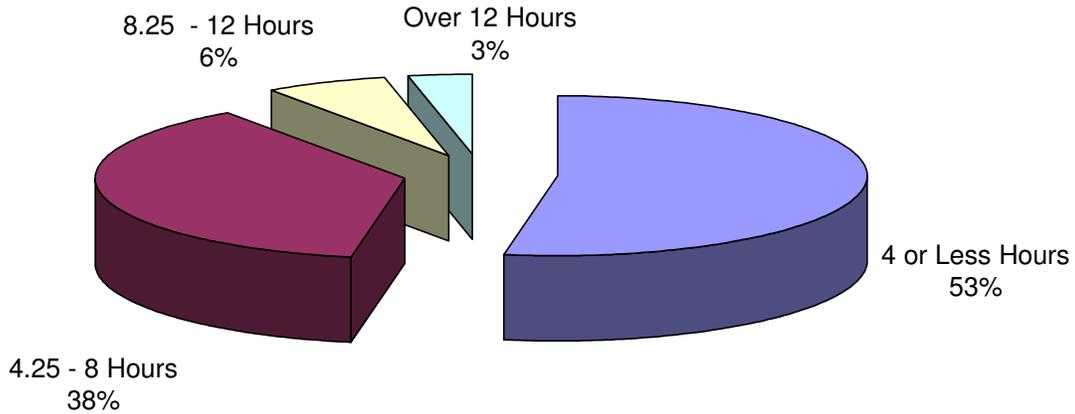


Chart 4

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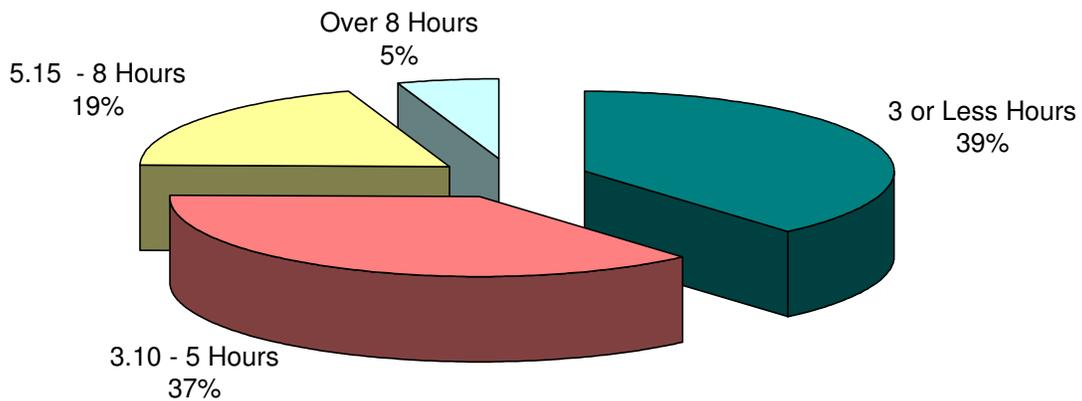
*"How many total hours were spent in mediation?"*



*This chart includes both cases that reached agreement and those that did not.*

**Chart 5**

## AVERAGES FOR MEDIATIONS COMPLETED IN ONE SESSION



*This chart includes both cases that reached agreement and those that did not.*

**Chart 6**

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## MEDIATIONS ORDERED PER COUNTY AND CIRCUIT COURT

Reports received from mediators indicate twenty-four of twenty-eight circuit courts have ordered cases to mediation. Chart 7 shows a mediation count of each circuit court. Chart 8 indicates the counties that each Judicial Circuit Court serves. Listed below is the number of mediations ordered in each county, based on reports received:

COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED
ARKANSAS	2
ASHLEY	7
BAXTER	1
BENTON	47
BOONE	1
BRADLEY	3
CARROLL	6
CHICOT	4
CLARK	1
CLEVELAND	1
COLUMBIA	2
CONWAY	3
CRAIGHEAD	1
CRAWFORD	11
DESHA	1
DREW	7
FAULKNER	29
FRANKLIN	2
GARLAND	29
GRANT	1
GREEN	1
HEMPSTEAD	1

COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED
HOT SPRINGS	1
HOWARD	1
JEFFERSON	3
LEE	1
LITTLE RIVER	1
LONOKE	39
MILLER	9
MONROE	2
NEWTON	1
OUACHITA	1
PERRY	1
PIKE	3
PULASKI	41
SALINE	1
SEARCY	1
SEBASTIAN	8
ST. FRANCIS	1
UNION	12
VAN BUREN	9
WASHINGTON	22
WHITE	6

# NUMBER OF MEDIATION CASES PER JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

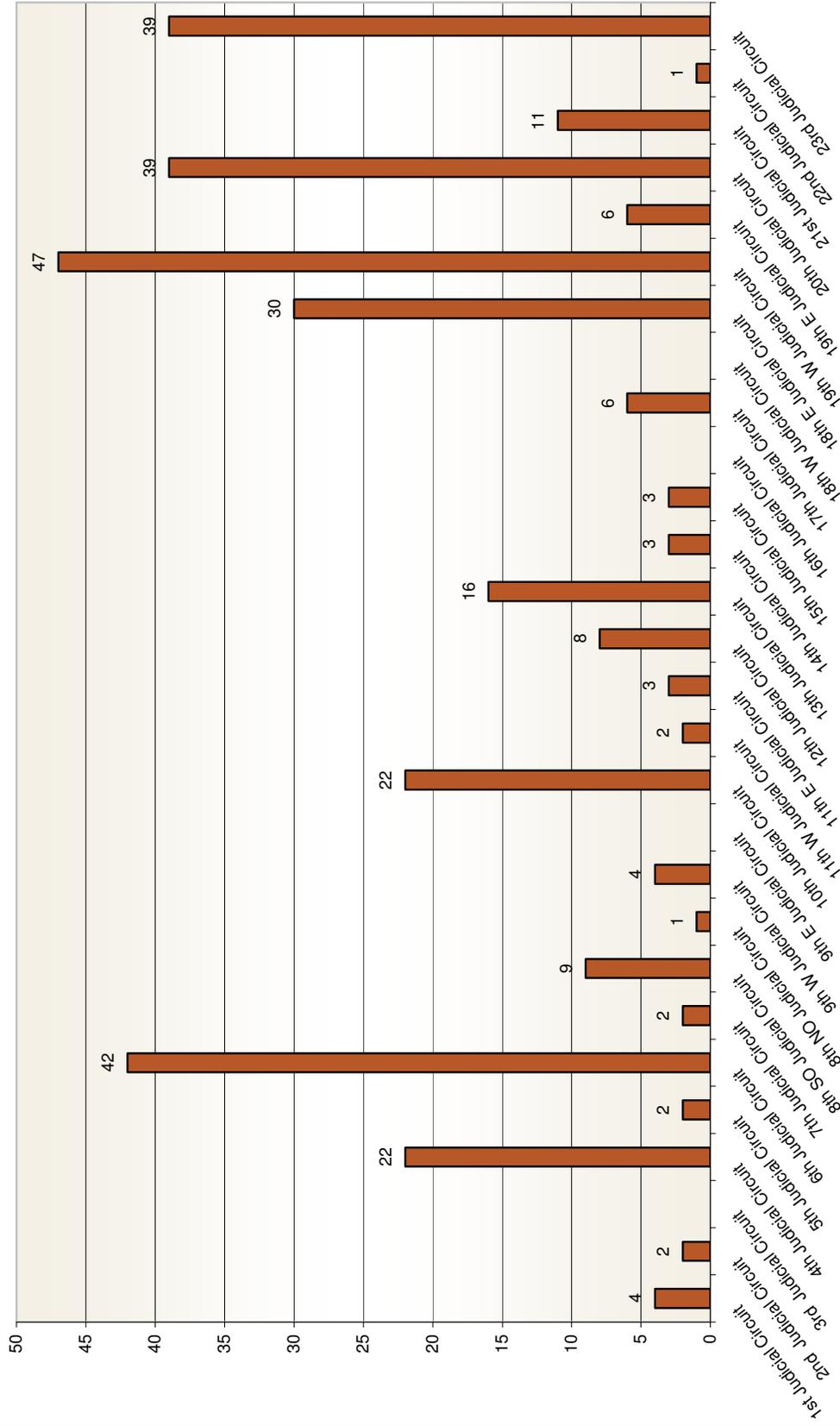


Chart 7

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Judicial Circuit Court	Counties Served in Judicial Circuit Court District
1	Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, St. Francis, Woodruff
2	Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Greene, Mississippi, Poinsett
3	Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp
4	Madison, Washington
5	Franklin, Johnson, Pope
6	Perry, Pulaski
7	Grant, Hot Springs
8 NO	Hempstead, Nevada
8 SO	Layfayette, Miller
9 E	Clark
9 W	Howard, Little River, Sevier, Pike
10	Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew
11 E	Arkansas
11 W	Jefferson, Lincoln
12	Sebastian
13	Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, Union
14	Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton
15	Conway, Logan, Scott, Yell
16	Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Stone
17	Prairie, White
18 E	Garland
18 W	Montgomery, Polk
19 E	Carroll
19 W	Benton
20	Faulkner, Searcy, Van Buren
21	Crawford
22	Saline
23	Lonoke

Chart 8

# COURT ORDERED MEDIATIONS IN ARKANSAS

## Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission Statistical Reporting Form for Court Ordered Mediation

*Please complete this form for all court ordered mediations. If a referral fails to attend mediation, fill in as much information as possible in order for the Commission to compile accurate statistics.*

### MEDIATOR INFORMATION

Last	First	MI	Certification Number
City	State	Zip	Phone

### FILING INFORMATION

County	Judge	Circuit #	Docket# (Include subject prefix, i.e. JV, DR, PR, CV)
Plaintiff's Name		Defendant's Name	Date Mediation was ordered
Division (please check one): <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC RELATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> PROBATE <input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL Is this case an Arkansas Access & Visitation Mediation Program Case? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			

### MEDIATION ISSUES

Case Type: Please check all that apply. For "Other" categories, please describe case characteristics.

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Negligence               | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent Estates     | 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate Maintenance           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Negligence                       | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Trust Administration | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Abuse                 |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice                            | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship        | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Families in Need of Services   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability                      | 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption            | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency           |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Please specify type): _____ | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce             | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Dependency Neglect             |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Equity                                 | 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity           | 21. <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership                            | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Custody/Visitation  | 22. <input type="checkbox"/> Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction |
|  | 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support       | 23. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                   |

### MEDIATION SESSION(S)

1. Did the mediation take place?
- A.  No, mediation never began.
- B.  Yes, but mediation was halted.
- C.  Yes, mediation was completed on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ with a full agreement.
- D.  Yes, mediation was completed on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ with a partial agreement.
2. Did the judge send all issues of the case to mediation or limited issues of the case?     All Issues     Limited Issues
3. How many mediation sessions were conducted? \_\_\_\_\_    4. How many TOTAL hours were spent in mediation? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete and return to:*

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