

NOTICE OF ADVICE OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR ALL JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

TO THE PERSON CHARGED:

1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.
2. If you have been arrested and remain in custody, you have the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.
3. If you have been served with a citation or summons directing you to appear before a judicial officer for a preliminary inquiry at a date and time designated or within five days of service if no time is designated, a judicial officer will advise you of your rights, the charges against you, and penalties. The preliminary inquiry will be cancelled if a lawyer has entered an appearance to represent you.
4. You have the right to have a lawyer.
5. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:
 - (A) explaining the charges in this paper;
 - (B) telling you the possible penalties;
 - (C) explaining any potential collateral consequences of a conviction, including immigration consequences;
 - (D) helping you at trial;
 - (E) helping you protect your constitutional rights; and
 - (F) helping you to get a fair penalty if convicted.
6. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.
7. If you are eligible, the Public Defender or a court-appointed attorney will represent you at any initial appearance before a judicial officer and at any proceeding under Rule 4-216.2 to review an order of a District Court commissioner regarding pretrial release. If you want a lawyer for any further proceeding, including trial, but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. To apply for Public Defender representation, contact a District Court commissioner.
8. If you want a lawyer but you cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.
9. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER.** If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.

Contact information for District Court Commissioner's Offices can be found at:

<http://www.mdcourts.gov/district/directories/commissionermap.html>

If you require further information about qualifying for a Public Defender, call 1-833-453-9799.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

1. **MUST APPEAR** - If the offense with which you are charged is a 'MUST APPEAR' offense, you may not waive trial but are required to appear in court when notified. Drivers who receive payable citations included with a "Must Appear" citation automatically will receive a trial date notice for all citations. PLEASE NOTE THAT FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.
2. **PRESET FINE** - If ALL of your charges are marked "Payable", you must comply with one of the following within 30 days after receipt of the citation/summons.
 - OPTION #1** - Pay the full amount of the preset fine for each violation.
 - OPTION #2** - Request a waiver hearing regarding sentencing and disposition instead of trial - Plead Guilty With an Explanation. Do not send payment.
 - OPTION #3** - Request a trial date, time, and place established by the District Court of Maryland by writ or trial notice. Do not send payment.

Please note that payment of the preset fine will result in conviction for the offense(s) charged being entered against you and the case being closed. Please note further that points will be assessed by MVA on your driving record after conviction of a violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws of this State. Failure to pay the preset fine or to appear at trial, after notice, will result in the suspension of your driving privileges by the Motor Vehicle Administration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PAY CITATIONS:

Visit the MD Judiciary Website at www.mdcourts.gov/district or call the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System for trial dates, court locations, and directions.

From all areas including out-of-state calls: 1-800-492-2656
TTY users call Maryland RELAY: 711

I have read or have had read to me the contents of the above notice and acknowledge receipt of a copy thereof.

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Date

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Defendant

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Date

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Judge/Commissioner