

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. PLEASE NOTE THAT FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.

2. **PRESET FINE** - You must either pay the preset fine, request a waiver hearing, or request a trial date within 30 days after receipt of the citation/summons/warrant.

NOTE: If charged by citation, follow instruction on the citation. **IF CHARGED BY STATEMENT OF CHARGES (SUMMONS OR WARRANT), CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS, SIGN AND DATE, AND MAIL THIS FORM, ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES (SUMMONS OR WARRANT) TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW:**

OPTION #1:

Pay the full amount of the preset fine at any District Court of Maryland location, or with a credit card at the Maryland Judiciary Website or by phone (see below) or by mail to the address shown below.

To pay by mail:

- Make your check or money order payable to the District Court of Maryland. Include citation number(s) you wish to pay on check.
- An additional \$10 service fee will be imposed for each dishonored check.

OPTION #2:

Request a Waiver Hearing: I admit I committed the violation in this Statement of Charges, and I request a waiver hearing to explain the circumstances to a judge. I understand this is not a trial, the officer and witnesses will not be present, and my appearance in court is for sentencing only.

OPTION #3:

Request a trial date: I request a trial date for the violation(s) charged.

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Date

District Court Traffic Processing Center
District Court of Maryland
P.O. Box 6676
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0676

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Signature

Please note that payment in full of the preset fine will close the violation and result in the entry of a conviction for the violation(s). Please note further that points will be assessed by Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) on your driving record after conviction of a violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws of this State. If you fail to comply with one of the above options within 30 days of receipt of a citation/summons/warrant, MVA will be notified and may take actions to suspend your license. Driving on a suspended license is a criminal offense for which you could be incarcerated.

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 Defendant Date Judge/Commissioner