

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
Mercer County Courthouse Annex
Mercer, Pennsylvania 16137-0112

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INFORMATION

- You are to be arraigned and have a preliminary hearing which is scheduled on the date and time shown on the summons. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel. In order to determine eligibility and representation by the Public Defender's Office, you should do the following immediately:
- You have just been arraigned before a District Justice and he has informed you of your right to counsel. If you cannot afford legal counsel, one will be appointed for you. In order to determine your eligibility for representation by the Public Defender's Office, please do the following immediately after your arraignment:
- 1) Call the Public Defender's Office at (724) 662-3800 or (724) 962-5711, Ext. 2528. Office hours are 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
 - 2) A determination of your eligibility for representation will be made at the time of your call and should you qualify, an appointment will be made for an interview.
 - 3) A personal interview will be conducted by an Investigator in the Public Defender's Office located in the annex of the Mercer County Courthouse.
 - 4) At the time of your interview, please bring all papers which have been given or sent to you by the District Justice, to include criminal complaints, affidavits of probable cause, bond papers, etc.

Your failure to act promptly on securing legal representation, either privately or through the Public Defender's Office, may hinder the processing of your application, the appointment of an attorney and most importantly, prevent a thorough investigation and preparation of the defense for your case.

Hearing Date: _____

Hearing Time: _____

Hearing Place: _____

Defendant

Date: _____

Phone No. _____