



Property Information

If you had personal property taken from you when you were arrested, you may be able to have it returned from the police district or other police agency at which you were processed. If you do not know that location, and/or the agency that arrested you, PSA may be able to help you obtain this information.

Keep this brochure with your important papers

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY



Defendant Assistance Information

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202-220-5500
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D.C. Pretrial Services Agency's Mission Statement

The mission of the Pretrial Services Agency (PSA) is to assess, supervise and provide services for defendants, and collaborate with the justice community, to assist the courts in making pretrial release decisions. We promote community safety and return to court while honoring the constitutional presumption of innocence.

D.C. Superior Court
Criminal Case Information
202-879-1373

PSA General Information
202-220-5666 (24 hours)

601 Indiana Avenue Offices
Supervision Unit—2nd Floor
202-585-7955

633 Indiana Avenue Offices
High Intensity Supervision Program
Suite 1020
202-220-5530

Treatment Unit—9th Floor
Drug Court
Suite 920
202-220-5505

New Directions Program
Suite 920
202-220-5570

Satellite Drug Testing Unit
Suite 981
202-220-5546

**Social Services and Assessment
Center (SSAC)**
Suite 1080
202-220-5770

500 Indiana Avenue Offices
**Release Services Unit/
Failure to Appear Unit**
Room C-301
202-585-7077

**(You may call this unit for
assistance with court dates or
missed court appearances.)**

Drug Testing & Compliance Unit
Room C-220
202-585-7060

300 Indiana Avenue Offices
Specialized Supervision Unit
Room 1136
202-585-7200

333 Constitution Avenue Offices
U.S. District Court Unit
Room 2507
202-442-1000

What Just Happened?

You have been charged in a criminal case in D.C. Superior Court. The judge in the courtroom that you just left has decided to release you until your next court appearance. You have made a promise that you will show up for all of your court appearances. To help you keep your promise and to assure community safety, the judge may have ordered you to follow certain conditions of release. Your conditions of release are found on your release order (the blue piece of paper you signed and received in the courtroom).

You must follow all of the conditions of release ordered by the judge. If you violate any one of those conditions, the judge could change your conditions, or revoke those conditions and incarcerate you until your case is resolved. You could also face a new criminal charge for contempt of court. You must show up for all of your court dates. If you do not report for any court date, a bench warrant will be issued for your arrest and you could receive a new charge simply for failing to appear. If you do miss a court appearance, contact your lawyer (and call PSA's Release Services Unit at 202-585-7077) as soon as possible in order to resolve the bench warrant.

PSA's Role and Services Available Through PSA

PSA is responsible for monitoring certain conditions of release, such as drug testing, electronic monitoring, curfew, and other conditions, imposed by the judge. Many defendants will be assigned to a Pretrial Services Officer (who is known as your PSO or your case manager) who is responsible for notifying the court when these conditions are, or are not, being followed. While your case is pending, PSA can help you in a variety of ways. PSA can help you voluntarily surrender on an outstanding bench warrant, obtain drug treatment, mental health treatment, or other social services (such as temporary shelter, government-issued identification, job listings, GED, etc.). If you feel you need any of these services, talk to your case manager or contact the PSA SSAC at 202-220-5770. Be sure to stay in touch with your case manager, especially if you change your address or phone number.

***YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER. BE SURE TO STAY IN TOUCH
WITH YOUR LAWYER, ESPECIALLY IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS
OR PHONE NUMBER.***

YOUR LAWYER'S NAME _____

YOUR LAWYER'S PHONE NUMBER _____

YOUR CASE NUMBER _____