

YOUR LOVED ONE JUST GOT ARRESTED

WHAT DO YOU DO WITHIN THE FIRST 24 HOURS?

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ALAMEDA COUNTY

- BE PREPARED -



Info You Should Have Ready:

- Your loved one's first and last name
- Their date of birth
- If possible — the arresting agency



Info You Need To Get:

- Where they are housed
- Charges
- Bail Amount
- First Court Date



Info You Need To Give:

- Proof of family support
- Proof of community ties
- Proof your loved one is not a flight risk.

- TAKE ACTION -

1. Find them on Alameda County's Inmate locator website:

http://www.acgov.org/sheriff_app/inmateSearch.do



If you don't have your loved one's first or last name, just check the box that shows only the bookings within the last 24 hours. The information will give you their name, PFN, date of birth, their custody status, where they're housed. If you click "view details", it will tell you more information – including their charges and bail, and first court date.

2. If they're not in the system yet, call the jail at Santa Rita (925) 551-6500 (Dublin) or Glenn Dyer (510) 268-7777 (Oakland).



Give them your loved one's name and date of birth. Ask them what are the charges, are they felonies or misdemeanors, what is their bail, when is their first court date, and where will they be housed.

3. If your loved one has an urgent medical or mental health issue, call the Jail at:



Medical Health:

- Santa Rita (925) 551-6500
- Glenn Dyer (510) 268-7777
- Mental Health: (925) 551-6905

They can't give you information about your loved one without the proper release forms, but you can give information to the jail. So, call them and let them know what the mental or medical health...

...issue is that your loved one is facing and what their needs are. Ask them to give your loved one a "Release of Information" form to authorize you to be informed about your loved one's health status.

4. Begin to gather information that shows your loved one is not a flight risk and has community ties.



This information can include any information regarding employment, school, residency in the county, family ties, and participation in programs or community activities. Get these documents together. If you don't have the actual documents, get someone to write a letter evidencing it. Bail is first set by the police, but can change at the first court date.

5. Show up to their first court date and ask to speak with the public defender before court.



Bring the documentation that you gathered, show the public defender that documentation, and identify your relationship to the person. Ask the public defender to request that your loved one be considered for pre-trial release and/or released on their own recognizance.

6. Document what you know about the arrest.



Write down everything you know about the incident – who, what, where, when, and how. Share this information only with the public defender and do so as soon as possible.

- TIPS -

Write Everything Down:

- Names of who you spoke with
- times you called
- what was discussed.

Don't discuss case with loved one on the phone.

They are recorded and can be used against them. What you can tell them is that they can request an attorney be present if law enforcement wants to talk to them. Also, ask them to request that a pre-trial officer evaluate them for release.

Keep going until you get answers and keep working with the defense attorney through the court process.

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More info at: <http://www.co.alameda.ca.us/defender/>

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