

Your loved one just got **ARRESTED**

What do you do within the first 24 hours?

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- 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 Durham County's Inmate locator website: dconc.gov/services/sheriff/inmate-population-search



Click on the current inmate list to see the last 24hrs, 30 days or incarcerated. If you click on the ALL pull down box, you can see your loved one's name and click on the name and it will show you the date they were detained, date they were charged, date they were released, their charges, bail type and amount, and their case number.

2. If they're not in the system yet, call the Durham County Detention Facility: (919) 560-0912.



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. Call the Durham County Criminal Justice Pre-Trial at (919) 560-0500 and ask to speak to the pre-trial officer.



The Pre-trial officer gathers information for the judge to consider someone's release. They generally consider most felonies and misdemeanors. Tell them your loved one has family and community ties and is not a flight risk – share any information regarding employment, school, residency in the county, and family. There is a magistrate judge that sets the bond at night, and then bring any evidence of this information (such as letters or other documents) to your loved one's first court appearance.

4. If your loved one has an urgent medical or mental health issue, call the Jail's Medical Ward at (919) 560-0929 or the Mental Health Ward at (919) 560-0997.



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.

5. If they are not released, show up to their first court date and ask to speak with the public defender before court.



Bring as many people as you can to show your loved one has community support. When your loved one's name is called by the Judge, stand by the wall where the microphone is and speak for your loved one. Share information showing your loved one is not a flight risk – this could be employment, school, residency in the county, family ties, and participation in programs or community activities. Get these documents together.

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 defense attorney 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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