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 San Mateo County's Inmate locator website: https://smc-inmatelocator.org

Type in their first and last name and you will find out where they're housed, their charges, whether they are felonies or misdemeanors, their bail, and their first court date.

2. If they're not in the system yet, call the Jail directly at: (650) 363-4000 x 6070.

Ask them what are the charges, are they felonies or misdemeanors, what is their bail, when is their first court date, and where are they housed.

3. Call Pre-Trial Services at (650) 363-4181 and ask to speak to the Pre-Trial officer.

PTO

Your loved one could be eligible for release without having to pay money bail. Tell the Pre-Trial Officer (PTO) that your loved one has family, community ties, and is not a flight risk - share any information regarding employment, school, residency in the county, and family. If you can talk to your loved one, ask your loved one to list you as a reference so that Pre-Trial Services Program can contact you. Usually, the judge makes the decision about release at the first court date, which is called arraignment.

4. If your loved one has an urgent medical or mental health issue, call Correctional Health Services at (650) 599-7340.

They can't give you information about your loved one's medical or mental health without the proper release, but you can give them information that can be useful to your loved one's medical and/or mental health care. Once your loved one signs the release, call back to ask about your loved one's care.

5. Show up to their first court date and ask to speak to the private defender* before court.

Show them documentation that the person has family and community ties and is not a flight risk.

**San Mateo County doesn't have a Public Defender's Office as a lot of counties do. Instead it has a Private Defender's Program. The program is similar in that the attorneys are still appointed by the court.*

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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