Pretrial Diversion Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I get on Pretrial Diversion?
2. What do I do if I have a court date?
3. What if I decide I do not want to participate in the Pretrial Diversion Program?
4. What if I can’t afford the cost of the program?
5. When do I pay?
6. What if I do not complete the requirements for the Pretrial Diversion program successfully?
7. Now that I have been arrested or charged with a crime, what do I say on a job application?
8. What if I need to have no criminal record in order to get a job in my chosen career?

1. How do I get on Pretrial Diversion?

Only the Solicitor can approve your case for Pretrial Diversion.

If a judge has referred you to Pretrial Diversion, you must wait until the Solicitor approves your case.

2. What do I do if I have a court date?

 YOU MUST KEEP ALL COURT DATES. Notify you program supervisor for any issues or concerns.

3. What if I decide I do not want to participate in the Pretrial Diversion Program?

If you decide you do not want to participate in Pretrial Diversion Program, either before you have started the program or after you are on the program, you MUST notify us. We will notify the Solicitor and your case will be placed back on the court docket and a court date will be scheduled. There is no penalty for this decision.

4. What if I can’t afford the cost of the program?

If you feel you cannot afford to participate in the Pretrial Diversion program, please talk to an officer before declining to sign the contract.

5. When do I pay?

You cannot make any payments for your cost of supervision fee until you last court date. At your intake appointment you will be instructed on how and when to pay your fees.

6. What if I do not complete the requirements for the Pretrial Diversion program successfully?

If you are terminated from the Pretrial Diversion program for failure to complete conditions or adhere to the program requirements, the Solicitor will be notified, and you will be scheduled to appear in court.

7. Now that I have been arrested or charged with a crime, what do I say on a job application?

Before you complete Pretrial Diversion your criminal record will show that you are charged with a crime and the case has not been resolved. After you successfully complete Pretrial Diversion your criminal record will show that you were charged with a crime and that you participated in a deferred prosecution program. It will show that you were not convicted of this charge.

8. What if I need to have no criminal record in order to get a job in my chosen career?

If you want to shield your record from the public view, you may petition the court to have your record expunged. Having your record expunged is not a part of the Pretrial Diversion Program, you may do that yourself or with your attorney, after you have completed the program.