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On the Affidavit of Indigency, fill it out completely and start at the letter “B”. You do not have to worry about Item “A”. Be sure you list all income and expenses. If you have real estate or vehicles, please list them under E., but be sure you put your equity. Monthly expenses are listed on the back. If you have other expenses such as loans, fine payments in other courts, hospital bills, etc., list them under G. on the top of the back page. Any items which might not apply to you put an explanation as to why it would not apply instead of skipping over it or zero if it is a dollar amount.

The affidavit needs to be notarized and you must do that on your own- do not sign it until you are in front of the notary; and mail the forms back to the Public Defender’s Office as soon as possible. Also, an attorney will need to advise you to your rights and there is a document you will sign with the attorney. Be at Court promptly at 8:00 a.m. this will need to be done before court starts so that we can stand up with you when your name is called.

It is imperative that you have this paperwork completed and send it back as soon as possible; the affidavit and pre-arraignment statement of rights (this is the document you will sign with the attorney) needs to be presented to the Judge to determine if you qualify for a Public Defender, and that you understand what your rights are. If you qualify for a Public Defender, the Judge will appoint our office to represent you. If our office is appointed, we will request copies of the file/evidence from the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, your case will be assigned to an attorney for the division you are ordered to appear in after your arraignment has been completed. You **must call and follow up** with who your attorney is and schedule an appointment to meet with them.

Contact Sheet is so that we can be in touch with you. Be sure to write your full name (i.e. First, Middle and Last). If you do not have a phone please list a message phone number.

Please call during business hours if you have any questions. 479-271-1028.