

Legal Case Guidance

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Case Summary

Jurisdiction	DE
Case Stage	arraignment
Custody Status	detained
Has Attorney	Yes
Charges	de-assault-on-peace-officer

& CRITICAL ALERTS

- 1. CRITICAL: Request public defender immediately if you cannot afford attorney
- 2. URGENT (DE-7-98): Seek medical attention if injured
- 3. URGENT (DE-7-98): Contact attorney
- 4. URGENT (DE-7-98): Document any self-defense claims

Immediate Actions Required

- %i Seek medical attention for any injuries
- %i Document all injuries with photographs
- %i Gather contact information for witnesses
- %i Avoid contact with alleged victim
- %i Seek medical attention if injured
- %i Contact attorney
- %i Document any self-defense claims

Important Deadlines

Event	Timeframe	Priority	Description
Preliminary Hearing	Within 14 days if in custody, 21 days if	IMPORTANT	Court determines probable cause for charges

Event	Timeframe	Priority	Description
	released		
Discovery Deadline	Ongoing obligation	NORMAL	Exchange of evidence between prosecution and defense

Your Constitutional Rights

- Right to remain silent
- Right to attorney representation
- Right to reasonable bail
- Right to fair and speedy trial
- Right to confront witnesses
- Right to present defense evidence
- Right to self-defense claim (DE-7-98)
- Right to medical examination (DE-7-98)
- Right to witness testimony (DE-7-98)

Recommended Next Steps

1. Meet with attorney to discuss case
2. Review charging documents carefully
3. Begin gathering evidence and witnesses
4. Understand bail conditions and comply

Evidence to Gather

- %i Medical records
- %i Witness statements
- %i Video surveillance
- %i Physical evidence

Court Preparation Checklist

- %i Dress professionally (business casual minimum)
- %i Arrive early and locate correct courtroom

%j Bring photo ID and any court paperwork

%j Turn off cell phone

%j Stand when judge enters and exits

& Actions to Avoid

' Do not discuss case with cellmates

' Do not sign any documents without attorney review

' Do not waive any rights

' Do not contact alleged victims (DE-7-98)

Important Warnings

& Do not discuss your case on social media

& Avoid contact with witnesses or alleged victims

& Comply with all court orders and bail conditions

& Limited time to prepare defense while in custody

& Maintain good behavior to preserve bail eligibility

& Assault on Peace Officer: Potential consequences include restitution req

Legal Resources & Contacts

Type	Description	Contact	Hours	Website
Public Defender Office	Free legal representation if you qualify financially	Contact your local public defender office	Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	N/A
Legal Aid Society	Additional legal assistance and resources	Local legal aid organizations	Varies by location	N/A
Court Self-Help Center	Information about court procedures and forms	Located at courthouse	Court business hours	N/A

Case Timeline & Process

Status	Stage	Description	Timeframe
'	Arrest	Taken into custody and booked	Completed
'	Arraignment	Charges read, plea entered, bail set	Without unnecessary delay
%E	Preliminary Hearing	Court determines probable cause	Within 14 days if in

Status	Stage	Description	Timeframe
			custody, 21 days if released
%Ë	Discovery	Evidence exchange and investigation	Ongoing process
%Ë	Trial	Presentation of evidence and verdict	70 days from indictment