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# Misdemeanor Arraignments

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**What is a misdemeanor arraignment?**

**What will happen when I'm in the courtroom?**

maximum possible penaltie  
mandatory minimum penalties  
must

**What will happen if I plead guilty or no contest?**

Jail Time:

Fine:

immediately

when

**What if I missed my arraignment?**

**What are my rights?**

Your rights are very important to you.

Silence:

Lawyer:

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Presumption of innocence:

Trial:

jury trial

judge

Release before trial

What are the pleas?

Not guilty:

or

or

prove

or

not

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**Guilty:**

**No contest:**

ask the judge to explain further before you decide what plea you want to make.

**What will happen if I plead not guilty?**

**Important note:**

