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Welcome to the Law office of Mo Abusoft

Thank you for entrusting me as your lawyer in this very important matter. I hope this letter can serve as initial information regarding a legal process that may be unfamiliar to you. As your attorney, I want you to feel equipped with knowledge and understanding of the issues that you may face. You are charged with a criminal offense which carries penalties in the form of fines and/or incarceration. At times, a Court may order treatment programs and supervision in lieu or in conjunction with these penalties.

Below is a helpful list and description of potential upcoming court dates that you should know about. We will notify you as these hearing or appearances are scheduled:

PRELIMINARY HEARING

Your attendance at this Hearing is not required but suggested. This Hearing will be a chance to hear the State's case by questioning the agency's officer. Your arresting officer may not be present at this Hearing - only any officer from the same agency. We do not offer evidence at this hearing, and you cannot testify at this hearing. A Magistrate Judge will preside over this hearing and determine if the State had probable cause for your arrest. If the Magistrate Judge makes a finding of "no probable cause," then your case can be dismissed. However, the State has the option to present the case to the Grand Jury and have your case "true bill," and therefore bring the case regardless of the Magistrate Judge's finding. The State can also present your case to the Grand Jury before you receive a preliminary hearing. In the situation, if the Grand Jury "true bill" your case then it would not receive a preliminary hearing at all.

FIRST APPEARANCE

Your attendance is not required at this appearance. This Hearing is for the Court to make sure you have representation. I will assure the prosecuting agency of my representation and contact information.

SECOND APPEARANCE

Your attendance may be required at this appearance. This appearance usually takes place months after your initial appearance. At this appearance, we will announce to the Court whether we intend to place your case on a plea docket or a trial docket. Before this appearance, the State is required to have given discovery and a plea offer (if a plea offer is going to be given at all). We will have discussed both discovery and your plea offer before this appearance.

MOTIONS HEARING

Your attendance is required. Either the State or I may file a Motion with the Court in order to handle matters before your case can be resolved.

TRIAL DATE

Your attendance is required. Please arrive 1 hour before Court to ensure preparedness. Please do not schedule any other appointments on this date or any day that week. You will be "on call" during the entire Trial week.

COMMUNICATION

It is important that we communicate before each Hearing or Appearance mentioned above. Should your address or phone number change please let my office know immediately. Also, every appearance you make in Court should be treated as a professional appearance. Please dress in a professional manner: no sandals, no shorts, not-shirts. I suggest a dress shirt and pants or nice dress. All attire should be conservative.

Again, thank you for entrusting me as your lawyer. We both have a common goal: to handle this matter efficiently and with the most favorable results for you.

Sincerely,



Mo Abusoft, ESQ.