

PRETRIAL SERVICES

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

I, _____,
Print Name (First, Middle, Last)

am being asked questions about myself by a U.S. Probation Officer. I will not be questioned about the charges, and I should avoid talking about them at this time. I understand that I am under no obligation to provide any information and do not have to answer any questions.

Any answers to these questions will be used by the court to decide whether I will be released or kept in jail pending any further proceedings. The information will be made available to the court, to my attorney, and to the prosecuting attorney.

I understand that any information I provide should be truthful because providing false information is a separate crime and could be used to deny my release or increase my sentence if I am convicted. I understand that lying about anything, including drug use, could be used against me at my trial.

If I am found guilty, either after trial or after pleading guilty, the information I provide here will be made available to a U.S. Probation Officer for the purpose of preparing a presentence report and may affect my sentence in this or another case.

I know I have the right to speak with a lawyer before answering any questions. If I cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent me. Asking for a lawyer will not hurt my chance for pretrial release, but may delay the decision on whether or not I will be released until counsel is obtained.

I have read this form, or had it read to me, and I understand what it means.

I do ☐ I do not ☐ want a lawyer during this interview.

Date: _____

Defendant's Signature

U.S. Probation Officer

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