

# Notice to Defendant Released Prior to Appointment of Lawyer

## You must show up in person today or tomorrow

Because you are being released before your request for appointment of a lawyer has been fully processed, **no attorney** has yet been appointed. You must qualify under the county financial guidelines to obtain a court appointed attorney.

If you believe you are too poor to afford an attorney you must complete a questionnaire about your financial circumstances. You may have to disclose you financial documents (paystub, W-2). The judge will rule on whether or not under the law you qualify for a court-appointed attorney. Defendants with court-appointed counsel may be ordered to repay Tarrant County for legal fees paid to the appointed attorney.

Attorneys are appointed by the end of the business day following your request; therefore you must report in person **today or the next business day (Monday through Friday) between the hours of 9:00 am - 11:30 am and 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm.** If you are released on a Saturday, Sunday, or courthouse holiday, report by the next business day.

**Report to the following location only if you are asking for a court appointed attorney. If you are going to hire your own attorney, you DO NOT need to report.**

**Tarrant County Justice Center  
Auxiliary Courtroom, 7th floor  
401 West Belknap Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102  
Telephone (817) 884-2370 Website: <http://www.tarrantcounty.com>  
Hours: 9:00 am - 11:30 am and 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Parking** – There is paid metered parking around the Justice Center and there are paid parking lots within walking distance. THERE IS NO FREE PARKING AT THIS LOCATION.

### Directions to Justice Center

