

**Notice to Defendant Released Prior to Appointment of
Lawyer**
You must call to schedule a phone interview

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 your 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.

Call the following number only if you are asking for a court appointed attorney. When leaving a message please leave your name, CID, phone number, and date of birth along with the best time(s) to call to complete the financial questionnaire. Allow up to 15 minutes for your interview.

If you are going to hire your own attorney, you DO NOT need to call.

Telephone (817)212-6852

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 9:00 pm