U.S. Pretrial Services
Districts of Guam & the NMI

Understanding Your Case While on Pretrial Services Supervision

Arraignment & Detention Hearing. Your bond and conditions are set. The court will give preliminary hearing and post indictment arraignment dates. If you are ordered on pretrial services supervision, you must telephone the U.S. Probation Office within 24 hours of your release.

Preliminary Hearing will not occur if you have already been indicted by a grand jury. If you have not been indicted, a preliminary hearing may take place where a magistrate judge will determine if there is enough evidence for a trial.

Case dismissed by a judge and your bond is exonerated (released). You are no longer on pretrial supervision.

Post Indictment Arraignment. A magistrate judge will ask several questions such as your true name, if you have received a copy of the indictment, if you want it read in open court, and if you understand the charges against you. You will also receive your next court date (e.g. status conference.)

TRIAL

Found Not Guilty. Bond is exonerated and you are no longer on pretrial supervision.

"Hung Jury" or mistrial. You may have another trial. The court will decide if you are still on pretrial supervision.

Found Guilty. The judge or jury finds you guilty. You are still on pretrial supervision unless you have been remanded in court.

Out of District Case. If you are being charged by another district and were ordered "held to answer," all further proceedings will be held in the other district. If you live in this district and are ordered on pretrial supervision, you will continue to report to the officer in this district while you attend hearings in the charging district. Your supervision would then be called "courtesy" supervision.

Guilty Plea. You will sign a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office and later enter a verbal plea before the court. You are still on pretrial supervision.

Whether you plead guilty or are found guilty, the court will give you a sentencing date and refer you to a U.S. Probation Officer (USPO). The sole purpose of this referral is for the USPO to complete a presentence report about you for the court. The USPO will make a sentencing recommendation to the court based on your individual information and the sentencing guidelines. Your behavior while under pretrial supervision may also be included in this report. Once the report has been completed, your attorney will receive a copy. The report will be submitted to the court. It is very important to remember that YOU ARE STILL ON BOND AND REQUIRED TO REPORT TO YOUR ASSIGNED PRETRIAL OFFICER. YOU ARE STILL ON SUPERVISION. **NOTE: YOU HAVE NOT BEEN PLACED ON PROBATION.**

Out of district cases that are not held to answer will have other court appearances (such as identity hearings, arrival of process, rule 5 proceedings) in order to determine which district will handle your case. You will continue to be on pretrial supervision, and report to your assigned officer.

SENTENCING

Sentenced to Probation. You must report within 24 hours of sentencing to the U.S. Probation Office located in the same office as the Pretrial Services Office. Remember, you are to continue to report to your Pretrial Services Officer until you have made contact with your Probation Officer.

Sentenced to custody time and remanded into custody in court. Your bond is exonerated. Your are no longer on pretrial supervision. Once you have completed your time, you will then be on supervised release and supervised by the U.S. Probation Office.

Sentenced to custody time, but given a voluntary self surrender date. You are still on pretrial supervision. You must continue to report to your Pretrial Services Officer until the date you self-surrender to the Bureau of Prisons or the U.S. Marshal Service's facility. Your bond will be exonerated upon your surrender. Once you have completed your time, you will then be on supervised release and supervised by the U.S. Probation Office.