

Pershing County Public Defender/ Humboldt County Conflict Counsel
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The public defender/ conflict counsel provides representation only after judicial appointment. **You, and you alone, must be the one who communicates with this office.** (Not your mom, dad, wife, husband, brother, sister or friend etc...) **Make sure our office has your phone number and mailing address.**

You may :

1. enter a plea of guilty or not guilty
 2. testify at trial or not testify at trial
 3. speak at sentencing or not speak at sentencing
 4. represent yourself
 5. appeal
 6. seek release on bail or without bail
- Nearly all other decisions belong to your attorney.

It is paramount you understand what the state is alleging, your rights, your defense, and the penalty you will suffer if convicted. Do not admit to a crime you did not commit. If you have questions, ask. We make available to you police reports, charging documents and motion work.

Court dates are firm. Arrest warrants issue when a person fails to appear for a hearing.

If you have witnesses beneficial to your defense, advise us of their name and phone number and mailing address. Make sure they come to trial.

We appeal matters on prompt request.

A conviction may impact property, gun, civil, immigration, driving, and hunting privileges. Such collateral matters are beyond our responsibility. If you are convicted of a sexual offense, lifetime registration is required.

The public defender/ conflict counsel provides services to the underemployed or destitute in criminal matters only. We cannot advise you on other matters.

If you want us to explore a plea bargain or reduction in charges in exchange for a plea of guilty to a reduced charge or some other concession, please advise.

We cannot represent two clients with competing or conflicting interests. If your interests conflict with an existing client, we must withdraw.

The court rarely grants bail reductions. In order for us to seek a bail reduction you must provide our office with:

1. your address if released
2. the name and phone number of anyone who will vouch for your character
3. your criminal and mental history
4. whether you will be a flight risk or threat to offend if released on bail

Do not talk to anyone about your case except your attorney. This office makes itself available by phone from 8 to 5. If an attorney is not available, leave message you called.

If you have medical needs, including a psychological condition, or learning deficit, so advise.

At the time of sentencing on a felony or gross misdemeanor you have to pay a \$25.00 administrative assessment fee, a \$60.00 forensic fee and a \$150.00 DNA fee, as a condition of probation or release.