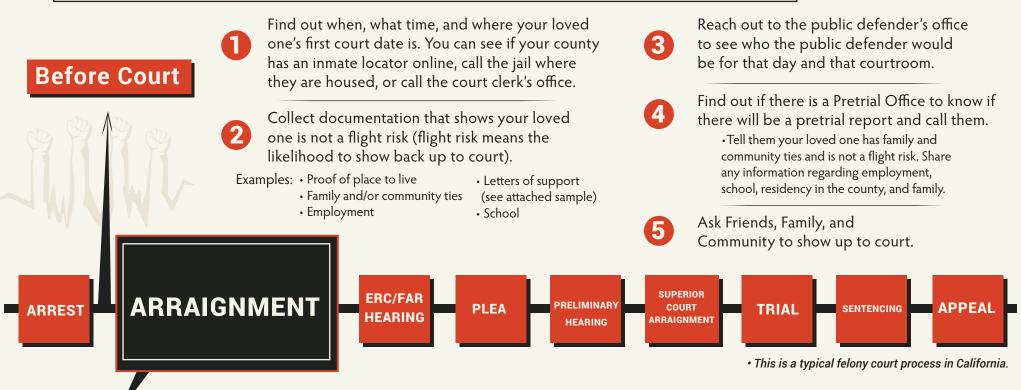
COURT DOING FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES WHOSE LOVED ONES HAVE BEEN DETAINED A Participatory Defense Guide to Impacting Arraignment and Bail Hearings

This checklist will empower you -- as a family member, community supporter, and/or participatory defense organizer -- on how to positively impact your loved one's case. After understanding this checklist, you can prepare before court, be impactful at court, and figure out next steps after court.

If your loved one has NOT had an arraignment. (their "first court date"):



Show up early.

At Court

Check calendar (outside of courtroom) to confirm you are in the right courtroom. If you can't find your loved one's name, go to the court clerk's office.

Approach bailiff and ask to speak with public defender of the day.

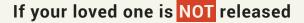
- Introduce yourself to the public defender of the day. Say who you are there for.
- Share documentation gathered with the public defender.
- Get the public defender's card or contact info.

Take detailed notes. Write down everything you heard. Don't try to make sense of it yet.

- •What are the charges?
- · List if they are felonies or misdemeanors.
- List who the court actors are -- public defender, D.A., judge, ect...
- Write down notes about release options.
 If bail is not granted or reduced, list the reason why.
- ·Write down any updates, next court dates.



After Court



- Follow up with the public defender's office to find out the name of the attorney assigned.
- 2 Schedule a meeting with public defender.
- Ask when a bail hearing can be scheduled. Prepare for it with public defender/defense attorney.

If your loved one IS released

- Follow up with the public defender's office to find out the name of the attorney assigned.
- If a Participatory Defense Hub exists in your county, contact them and attend a weekly meeting.



a meeting with their defense attorney to go over their case.

PARTICIPATORY DEFENSE

If your loved one has release conditions, make sure they are checking in with the appropriate court officers.

KEEP SUPPORTING UNTIL THE CASE IS DONE!

REFER TO P1 FOR THE FELONY COURT PROCESS

If your loved one has **HAD** an arraignment ("first court date"), is still in custody, and would like a bail hearing:

- Schedule a meeting with your loved one's defense attorney.
- If you don't know who that is, contact your public defender's office.

- Ask the defense attorney when a bail hearing can be scheduled. Prepare for it with your loved one's defense attorney.
- If a Participatory Defense Hub exists in your county, contact them and attend the weekly meeting.