# Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester Arrest Guidelines, Info and Process

You're Arrested

**Summary** - You may or may not go to the station. You're given a citation and released.

Misdemeanor or Felony -

The police take you to the police station

Ask to make a call - call the Arrest
Hotline at (484) 758-0488. We'll call
family/friends for you and help you with
communications. Filling out an
Arrest Support Form will help us
help you.

You appear before the Magistrate judge at the Police Station.

The Magistrate

Judge may

not be a lawyer

Your case is presented, usually by the arresting officer

Bail is set and you go to County Jail. Magistrates may set high Cash Bond Bails - Be Prepared! Even if you pay full bail, you still go to County

Bail is Posted
Bail must be posted for the county to release you

Your next court date and bail will be set and you will be released

Tell your friends to find out which station - There are LOTs of them

Three Types of Crimes You Could be Charged With

Summary Offense - Minor Misdemeanor Offense - More Serious Felony Offense - Most Serious

Closing Time!

Most county magistrates close by 6 pm. If you are arrested after 6pm, you will go straight to county jail.

Three Types of Bail You Could Get

## Release on Recognizance (ROR) -

- You don't have to pay to get released
- You are released on the promise that you'll come back at your court date

#### Sign On Bail (SOB)

- You don't have to pay to get released
- You are released with the understanding that you'll be fined if you don't come back at your court date

#### Regular Bail

- You have to pay 10% of the full amount before you can be released.
- Cash Bond The ENTIRE amount has to be paid in full

1-4 hours

Depends

1-4 hours

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# Federal Arrest Guidelines, Info and Process

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Summary - You will be given a citation and released with no bail required (See ROR). You may choose to plead Not Guilty and be given a future court date.

## Misdemeanor or Felony -

The federal police take your the Federal prison in Philadelphia

Your travel may be limited passport surrendered

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> Immigration Issues? ICE will probably be called.

Weekend Arrest? You probably won't be released until Monday at the earliest.

Ask to make a call - call the Arrest Hotline at (484) 758-0388. We'll call family/friends for you and help you with communications.

You appear before the Magistrate judge at the Federal Jail.

Pay Attention: Federal Courts are open only M-F from 9-5. Additional. processing is not immediate and usually takes up to 48 hours.

Federal Charges stay on your record for life

Bail can be paid

in cash, certified check

or in Collateral

(talk to the

Clerk of

Courts)

Your case is presented by a lawyer.

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Bail is Set and may be QUITE HIGH, in the thousands

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3-5 Days

**Depends**