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***BLAINE MUNICIPAL COURT***

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**INSTRUCTIONS AFTER COURT**

Once the plea is completed, you still have responsibilities to the Court and possibly the DOL. The following may apply to your case and it is important to follow through.

**Money:** The total fees can be paid directly to the court. The Court Clerk will provide you with a payment plan prior to leaving. Be sure and pay these timely.

**Probation:** If Active (aka Supervised) Probation is ordered you must check in with the Probation Department following court. You will fill out an intake package and immediately meet a Probation Officer (who appear in court). The onsite Probation Officer may also schedule a separate time to provide a UA (urinalysis) sample and schedule a future meeting. During your period on Active Probation you can expect periodic UAs. Expect one every time you meet with Probation and remember that proof of marijuana consumption can be detected through testing up to and beyond the previously 30 days and alcohol can be detected for 4 days prior to a test.

**Jail:** Blaine Municipal Court will utilize “Friendship Diversion Services” (FDS) in lieu of jail, if we have successfully negotiated this option. You will be instructed to contact this service within 24 hours and I recommend you do so immediately after court. FDS permits home detention in lieu of actual jail. The cost is approximately \$15/day and there is a \$50 set up fee.

**DOL:** If your sentence triggers a license suspension you will be notified by the DOL within 30 days. Please read the documentation carefully. Even if you have already served a license suspension you may still need to reinstate your driver’s license a second time.

**More Questions?** Please read your court documents carefully and do not lose them. As always, please contact us directly so we can help. We want the finality of your case to be as smooth as possible.

Blaine Municipal Court Clerk	435 Martin Street, Blaine, WA	(360) 778-5400
Whatcom Probation Department	311 Grand Ave, 406, Bellingham	(360) 778-5450
Friendship Diversion Services (FDS)	114 W. Magnolia, #109, Bellingham	(360) 392-3981
DOL	www.dol.wa	(360) 902-3900