

JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS BY THE MASTER

In accordance with 8-10-3.1 of the General Laws, as amended, the Master to Rhode Island Family Court is hereby empowered to hear arraignments of juvenile offenders charged as being wayward, and/or delinquent, as provided in Chapter 14-1 including, but not limited to, those listed herein.

Said Master shall:

1. Advise all juveniles of their rights.
 - A. Right to remain silent. If said right is waived, any statements can be used at a subsequent trial.
 - B. Face accusers - present witnesses on his own behalf.
 - C. Said juvenile may deny the facts alleged. Cases assigned by the Master to a date certain for trial.
 - D. Said juvenile may admit to the charges as alleged.
 - E. Right to counsel - to be appointed if counsel cannot be afforded.
2. If denial is entered, an assignment date is set for trial purposes.
3. May accept admissions of guilt or admissions of sufficient evidence for the court to obtain jurisdiction. Upon acceptance of such pleas, the Master will refer such cases to a Justice of the court for disposition.

CHIEF JUDGE