

BAIL COMMISSIONERS

Bail commissioners are individuals who are appointed by the Chief Judge of the District Court and who have the authority to conduct an arraignment (special arraignment) to decide whether a person who has been arrested and taken into police custody should be released. The arraignment usually takes place at the police department and is held when court is not in session – evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Even though the person is arraigned by a bail commissioner, he or she must still attend a formal arraignment in the District Court after his or her release from police custody. A Bail Commissioner (Justice of the Peace) will charge a non-refundable fee for performing the arraignment at the police station.