

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DISTRICT COURT PRETRIAL SERVICES

Question: Why Was I Referred To The Pretrial Services Unit?

Answer: The Judge has determined that it is appropriate to impose some conditions on your release in order to help assure your return to court and to help minimize possible risks of danger to public safety.

Question: What Are Some Conditions Of Bail That May Be Recommended?

Answer: The Judge will always instruct you to keep the peace and be of good behavior while on bail. Some other conditions may include a mental health or substance abuse evaluation with instructions to follow all treatment recommendations. You may be asked to submit to random drug and alcohol toxicology screens. The Judge may order you to enroll in anger management classes and/or adhere to a curfew. In every case, the Pretrial Services Unit will develop a monitoring plan for you.

Question: If I Am Required To Go To Counseling Or Drug Testing, Do I Have To Pay The Fees Myself?

Answer: You are responsible for all fees, however the Pretrial Services Unit will work with you to find the most affordable services. Often your health insurance will cover any expenses. For those without insurance coverage, the Pretrial Services Unit maintains an extensive network of service providers, including many agencies who accept the non-insured.

Question: What Happens If I Do Not Comply With My Conditions Of Bail?

Answer: The Pretrial Services Unit will make every effort to ensure that you are able to comply, however non-compliance can result in violation and/or revocation of bail, which can result in you being held at the Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI).

Question: What Is The RYDD Program?

Answer: The RYDD program is a 20-hour educational series for young adults (ages 15 to 20) who are at risk for dangerous driving and/or alcohol and marijuana related behaviors. This program involves group sessions, a three-hour shift in the Emergency Department at Rhode Island Hospital, and a community service experience. The Pretrial Services Unit will monitor you if the Judge has referred you here. Completion of this program can result in a dismissal of charges.
