

511 VACATE INFORMATION SHEET - ENGLISH

My name is _____ and I've been assigned by the Court to help you today. I'm a private lawyer and a member of the Court's "18B" panel. The 18B panel is a group of private lawyers who are called upon at certain times to represent people. I've been assigned by the Court to be here today to represent everyone on today's calendar who does not have a lawyer with them. Even if you can afford to pay for a lawyer, **there is no charge to you for my services today.**

TODAY'S PROCEEDING

You are here today because court records show that at some time in the past you were supposed to appear in court in connection with a traffic ticket and you failed to do so. As a result of your failure to appear, your license was suspended and an arrest warrant was in all likelihood issued against you. Whether you failed to appear in court yesterday, last year or ten years ago, our goal today is the same: to have the suspension lifted, to have the arrest warrant vacated and to have the judge release you until the next court appearance on low bail or no bail. The judge's decision on bail will depend upon a number of factors. **The information on the next page will help me represent you so that I can try to have the judge set a low bail or release you with no bail. Please answer all questions as carefully as possible.**

Keep these papers with you until the clerk calls your name. Listen carefully and **when you hear your name, answer "Here" in a loud voice, step up to the lectern, stand on my right side and hand me these papers.** I will return them to you when the proceeding is over and you may take them home with you and call me if you have any questions about what happened in court.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TODAY

Your case will not be concluded today because the assistant district attorney does not have the file on your past traffic ticket. The only one who knew you would be in court today was you. Between now and the next court date, the assistant district attorney will get your records from the Department of Motor Vehicles and on the next court date your case will be "conferenced" (discussed) with your attorney, the assistant district attorney and the judge. **The judge will therefore require you to have a lawyer with you for your next court date.** If you can afford one, you'll have to hire a private lawyer. If you think you can't afford one, the judge will have you screened. If you qualify as one who can't pay, the judge will assign you a lawyer free of charge. Remember: If you should have any questions about what happened today or what your next step should be, please feel free to communicate with me at the above telephone number and I will try to assist you in any way possible.