

WHAT IS THE FELONY ROCKET DOCKET ?

A jail call docket for all felony drug cases and the companion cases of those defendants.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE CASES BE SET ?

14 days after arrest in a District Court or the Magistrate Court.

HOW WILL THE CASES MOVE MORE QUICKLY ?

The DA's Office will fax the offense report, a summary of the criminal history, and a plea recommendation to the defense attorney 5 days before the case is set. The DA will have an information prepared and ready to file in court at the first setting. The drugs will be lab tested, if possible, prior to the first setting.

WHAT ARE THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S OBLIGATIONS ?

Review the offense report, criminal history summary, and plea recommendation and visit his/her client in jail or by video conferencing prior to the first court setting to discuss the case, a waiver of indictment and the plea offer.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE FIRST COURT SETTING ?

The defendant decides if he will waive an indictment and proceed on an information. Final plea negotiations occur. The defendant may enter a plea of guilty or reject the plea negotiation and the case will be set for trial.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE DEFENDANT DOES NOT ENTER A GUILTY PLEA AT THE FIRST SETTING ?

The case will be presented to a Grand Jury for indictment within 5 days if the defendant has not agreed to proceed on an information. The case will be set for a speedy jury trial or trial before the court for quick disposition.