

# ARRESTED FOR A MISDEMEANOR?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CITATION AND RELEASE OR OWN RECOGNIZANCE RELEASE.

**THIS MEANS YOU CAN BE RELEASED AT NO COST.**

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**BEFORE YOU PAY BAIL, SEE IF THIS APPLIES TO YOUR SITUATION!**

## CITATION AND RELEASE

### YOU MUST BE:

- ✓ Sober, able to identify yourself, and willing to sign a promise to appear in court.
- ✓ Arrested for a misdemeanor or on misdemeanor warrants totaling less than \$5,000

### YOU MUST NOT BE ACCUSED OF:

- ✓ Domestic violence or violating a restraining order
- ✓ An offense involving violence, firearms, or resisting arrest when you have been accused of an offense involving violence or firearms within the past 12 months
- ✓ The same offense for the 2nd time within 24 hours
- ✓ A violation of probation
- ✓ Driving on a suspended license under Vehicle Code 14601 when you have a conviction for the same offense within the past 5 years
- ✓ Driving under the influence when you have been accused of a DUI within the past 12 months or have been convicted of a DUI within the past 10 years

If you are eligible you will be released after the booking process and will not be required to pay bail.

## OWN RECOGNIZANCE RELEASE

If you are in custody you may be eligible for O.R. release. This means that you will be released if a judge determines that you are not a safety risk and are likely to appear for your court date. The judge will only ask you to promise to appear for your court date; you will not be required to pay bail. The judge may take some time to make this determination and may consider the following: the crime you have been accused of, your criminal history, and if you have failed to appear at court in the past.

\*\*\* YOU WILL NOT BE RELEASED ON BAIL UNTIL AFTER THE BOOKING PROCESS, YOU MAY WANT TO WAIT TO SEE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE BEFORE PAYING A BAIL BOND COMPANY\*\*\*