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If you have been charged with a crime and need an attorney but cannot afford one, you may be eligible for assigned counsel. **Please fill out the attached form and bring it to the Public Defender's Office at 280 Wall Street, Second Floor, Kingston, NY. You do not need to make an appointment.** The Public Defender's office hours are 9:00AM until 5:00PM, Monday through Friday. If you are unable to come to the Public Defender's office, we can accept the form via fax (845-340-3744) or email at hhug@co.ulster.ny.us. You may also call us for more information (845-340-3232, #8)

DO NOT RETURN THE FORM TO THE COURT!

What to expect at your meeting at the Public Defender's office

1. Complete the form to the best of your ability prior to visiting the Public Defender. (*If you are unsure of how to answer a question, someone at the PD's office will assist you when you arrive or you can call us for assistance*). **Please note, the more information you give us, the better we will be able to assist you. If you are receiving public assistance for example, SNAP or Medicaid, please bring your identification card with you, if possible.**
2. Once you have completed the attached form, you will meet with a member of the Public Defender's office who will review your form and ask questions, if she needs more information from you.
3. When your application has been reviewed (most often the same day you bring it in), you will be advised whether you are eligible for a free attorney.
4. If you are eligible for counsel and there is *no* conflict that would prevent the PD's office from representing you, you will be advised of your attorney's name and be given their contact information at your appointment.
5. If you are eligible and the PD *cannot* represent you due to a legal conflict, we will inform the court of your eligibility and the court will assign someone to represent you.
6. If it is determined that you are not eligible, you are entitled to know the reason and to ask for a review of that determination. You will be given information on that process at your appointment.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please call 845-340-3232, #8 to speak with someone who can help you.