

Town of Amsterdam Court  
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## Criminal Cases Including Misdemeanor and Penal Law

### **1. I've been arrested. What happens in court?**

For all cases including Misdemeanor and Penal Law charges it is important that you appear on the court date you have been issued. The first court appearance the public defender will stand in as counsel for an arraignment of the charges. At this time, you will have the opportunity to apply for the public defender services. The public defender office will deem if you are eligible. The Judge will discuss any issues of bail at this time and the case will be adjourned for continuance.

### **2. I cannot make it to my court ordered appearance, what do I do?**

All adjournment requests must be in writing. Print the Request for Adjournment form and submit to the court by mail, drop box, or fax (518-8423-6934). If you are being represented by the Public Defender or a retained attorney, you must contact your legal counsel and they will make the request for adjournment on your behalf. **The court will not accept adjournments by phone call on criminal matters.** It is at the Judges discretion to grant adjournments.

[Please Print a Request for Adjournment Form from the main menu](#)

### **3. I have missed my court date what do I do?**

Immediately contact the court and submit an adjournment request in writing. Print the Request for Adjournment form and submit to the court by mail, drop box, or fax (518-8423-6934). If you fail to appear on your court date the Judge may issue an arrest or bench warrant. These warrants will stay in affect until you appear in court.

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### **4. I was arrested for a DWI charge. Is this a criminal matter?**

Yes. Any DWI related offenses are considered criminal. If you do not appear in court the judge may issue an arrest or bench warrant and suspend your driving privileges.