

Newport News General District Court

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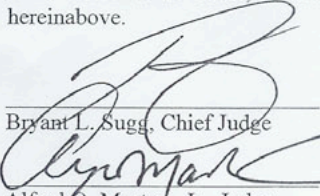
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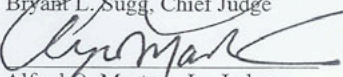
Dated: January 6, 2010
To: All lawyers practicing in the Criminal and Traffic Divisions of this Court
From: The Judges of the Newport News General District Court
Re: Bail Hearings

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate the scheduling and conduct of bail hearings before this Court, it is necessary to establish a procedure for the setting of all such bail hearings; and

HENCEFORTH, *prior* to the time defense counsel contacts any Clerk or Deputy Clerk of this Court in order to set a bail hearing, counsel is required to have consulted with his/her client, either in person or by telephone, as to the practicalities of conducting such hearing, including, but not limited to, the presumptions set forth pursuant to §19-1-120 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; the client's financial ability to make bail; the names and addresses of any witnesses the client may desire to have testify in his/her behalf at the bail hearing; and such other considerations that counsel may deem necessary in this behalf.

By the act of scheduling a bail hearing, defense counsel certifies to the Court, as an Officer of the Court, that he/she has taken at least the minimum steps outlined hereinabove.


Bryant L. Sugg, Chief Judge


Alfred O. Masters, Jr., Judge


Gary A. Mills, Judge


Richard C. Kerns, Judge