ACT 71 NOTICE TO VICTIMS

Under Act 71 of the Crime Victims Act, a victim of a personal injury crime for which an arrest is made has the right to receive notice of any bail hearing for that crime and offer comment regarding a defendant's bail conditions at the time bail is set or modified. Under Act 71, a victim has the right to be present and/or give input at these bail proceedings. It is not required. Their opinions and thoughts can also be conveyed by the police or Assistant District Attorney to the sitting Judge.

Additional information regarding your rights as a victim can be found at: **https://montcopa.org/248/Crime-Victim-Rights**

Preliminary Arraignment
Bail is addressed and decided at a defendant's preliminary arraignment.
This is a virtual court proceeding held via Zoom at 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Go to website: Zoom.us
Click: "Join" or "Join Meeting"
Enter:
Meeting ID: 992 7017 8847
Passcode: 383838
https://zoom.us/j/99270178847?pwd=VWZsV1FJM2FabTJXUDFFVUR6aHJudz09

During the preliminary arraignment a Magisterial District Judge will make the defendant aware of the criminal charges they are facing along with when their next court hearing will be. The Assistant District Attorney and Public Defender will then make argument as to what an appropriate bail should be and the Judge will decide the defendant's bail and any special conditions.

Bail Review Hearing
Should the defendant be given electronic monitoring OR cash bail that they are unable to post, they will be entitled to a bail review hearing the next business day in front of a Court of Common Pleas Judge at 1 p.m.

Meeting ID: 935 7260 3334
Passcode: 837150
https://zoom.us/j/93572603334?pwd=MVhuZ3dJc1NWWnFaVm1HTlBud0grdz09

The Assistant District Attorney and Public Defender will make argument as to what an appropriate bail should be and the Judge will decide if the defendant's bail and any special conditions should be modified.