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When your case is scheduled for trial, it will be in the same court in which you appear, UNLESS you request a jury trial. A request for a jury trial should be made by written motion 10 (ten) days prior to the scheduled trial date. If the motion is timely, your case will be sent to the presiding judge of the circuit court for a new trial date with a jury.

1. At trial, you have a right to testify or remain silent. If you remain silent, it is not considered an admission of guilt. If you testify, the judge may consider any statement you make in deciding your guilt or innocence.
2. At trial, you have the right to ask questions of witnesses testifying against you.
3. You have the right to ask the clerk to issue a subpoena to require witnesses to come to trial and testify.
4. If you are found not guilty, the case ends.
5. If you are found guilty, you can accept the decision or appeal to the circuit court. If you appeal your case, you will be granted a new trial before a different judge. The request for appeal must be made in writing within 10 (ten) days of the court's decision and cannot be extended for any reason. You can appeal even if you are not able to pay. Complete details of the appeal procedure can be found at _____.

You may also ask the clerk for information on the process.

IF YOU ARE A NON-U. S. CITIZEN

If you are not a citizen of the United States, you should know that a guilty plea or conviction may result in your deportation, denial of admission to the United States, or you may be denied naturalization under United States law. You may wish to speak with an attorney, especially before entering a guilty plea to any charges.

IF YOU NEED ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

You have rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For example, if you or a witness are deaf or hearing impaired, you have the right to request assistance, including an interpreter. For help, please contact the court's ADA coordinator. A list of ADA coordinators can be found at <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=180>.

If you need help with other ADA disabilities, please call (573) 751-4377 or send an email to access2justice@courts.mo.gov.

While in the courtroom, please:

- Stay seated until your case is ready to be heard by the judge.
- Do not smoke or consume food or drink.
- Silence any phones or other electronic devices, and remain quiet.
- Do not sleep or disrupt the court proceedings.

MY NEXT COURT DATE IS

_____ at _____ am/pm

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