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Intermediate Punishment Consideration for DUI Offenders

All individuals convicted of Driving Under the Influence or Driving Under Suspension, except probation, ARD, forty-eight (48) hour or seventy-two (72) hour DUI's will be considered for the Department's Intermediate Punishment Program.

This program consists of House Arrest with Electronic Monitoring, Work Release and/or Community Service.

In order to be eligible for this program option after conviction, you ***must contact the Department of Corrections within two (2) weeks following your Preliminary Hearing.*** You will then be scheduled for an interview, which will only be used for program placement if you are convicted. This interview will have no bearing on your pending case as it relates to guilt or innocence. ***Note: To qualify for the House Arrest Program you must have landline telephone service provided through Verizon, cable or internet phone service is not permitted.***

Again, this interview is focused toward your program suitability in the event that you are convicted of a second or subsequent offense for Driving Under the Influence or Driving Under Suspension.

Please call (215) 345-3929 to schedule an interview within two (2) weeks following your Preliminary Hearing. If you do not schedule this interview, and you are convicted of the offense, you will not be considered for the Intermediate Punishment Program unless circumstances are extraordinary. Delay in making arrangements to be interviewed, may result in a period of incarceration following conviction, prior to being assessed for either the House Arrest or Work Release Programs.

If you are an Attorney and you have questions regarding your client or the House Arrest Program, please contact Bernadette Harris, House Arrest Coordinator at (215) 345-3930.