

**IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2
SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**JUDGE'S EXPLANATION OF MISDEMEANOR
ARRAIGNMENT PROCEDURES**

You have been arrested for a misdemeanor criminal case in San Patricio County. If the San Patricio County Attorney decides to formally charge you with an offense, you will be required to appear in San Patricio County Court at Law #2 to answer to your charge. Your initial appearance is referred to as an Arraignment. Presently, your bond states that you are to appear INSTANTER. **Once your case is filed, you will be sent a setting notice with a date and time for your arraignment appearance.** You may hire an attorney prior to your arraignment; that decision is entirely up to you. If you appear at arraignment without an attorney, you will have three options:

1. You may request a reset to hire an attorney;
2. You may apply for a court-appointed attorney, and if you qualify, one will be appointed to represent you;
3. You may waive your right to an attorney and represent yourself.

Should you decide to represent yourself, you must complete a questionnaire and sign a waiver of your right to an attorney. This form will be provided to you at the arraignment. A copy of the form is available on the San Patricio County website if you wish to read it and/or complete it prior to your court appearance.

If you wish to request a reset of your arraignment setting, you may contact the court at least three days prior to your hearing date at sanpatccal2.defendant@gmail.com with your request and an explanation as to why the reset is needed. **All resets are at the Court's discretion. Please be aware that your request may be denied.**

Should your contact information change prior to receiving a setting notice, you are responsible for informing your bondsman as well as the San Patricio County Clerk's Office at 361-364-9350 of the changes so that you receive your setting notice.

FAILURE TO APPEAR AT YOUR ARRAIGNMENT WILL RESULT IN A BOND FORFEITURE AND A WARRANT ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

DEFENDANT:

Name

Mailing Address

Phone Number

Email Address

BONDSMAN:

Name

Mailing Address

Phone Number

Email Address