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### First Offense DUI and the ARD Program

**You have been sent this notice because you may qualify for a pre-trial diversionary program if you are charged with your first DUI offense. In Pennsylvania the mandatory minimum sentence on a first-time DUI conviction may include a jail sentence and one year loss of your motor vehicle driving privileges, a fine, alcohol education and if appropriate treatment and other standard probation conditions.**

**If you qualify for ARD you do not have to serve the jail sentence and the suspension is reduced. Under ARD, court costs and fees, community service, alcohol education and any appropriate treatment and or restitution with standard probation conditions will be ordered. Upon completion of the program your criminal record will be expunged.**

*Many ARD applications are denied because applicants do not answer the question regarding violations of the law accurately. If you have any doubts as to whether something should be included in your answer, include it. Prior contact with the criminal justice system does not necessarily result in your being denied admission. However, providing false, misleading, or incomplete information will.*

*Also, should you have contact with law enforcement, after you have filed the application and before the court hearing admitting you to the program, that contact must be reported in writing to the ARD office within 72 hours after the contact.*

**To apply for ARD you should contact the office of the Magisterial District Judge as soon as possible. You may wish to waive your Preliminary Hearing and request an ARD Application. The judge and court staff cannot provide you with legal advice but should be able to assist you with basic questions.**

**The ARD Application should be filed at the District Attorney's office at the above address as soon as possible after your Preliminary Hearing, and within thirty (30) days of the court arraignment set by the MDJ. The DA's Office hours are 8:00AM-4:30PM.**

**Please visit [www.yorkda.com](http://www.yorkda.com) for a listing of ineligible offenses or contact the District Attorney's Office @ 771-9600 with any questions.**

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