

PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL PROCEEDINGS

You have pled “Not Guilty” and have been given a date for a pre-trial hearing. Your attendance at these proceedings is mandatory. If you fail to appear, a default judgment will be entered against you to the original charge.

PRE-TRIAL PROCEDURE

At the time of your pre-trial, you will have an informal conference with the prosecuting attorney for the Village of Caledonia. You will have an opportunity to discuss your defenses and any mitigating circumstances.

If an agreement is reached at the time of the pre-trial, that agreement will be made in writing and submitted to the Judge for approval. **ALL AGREEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COURT.**

It is necessary that pre-trials be scheduled at short time intervals. Therefore, you should make an effort to be prompt at the time of your pre-trial and to clearly present your issues.

If the case is not resolved, a trial to the Court will be scheduled.

TRIAL PROCEDURES

If your case is not resolved at the pre-trial, then your matter will be heard on the scheduled trial date. At the trial, you, as well as the prosecution, will present your case before the Judge. You will need to prepare all of your evidence prior to this proceeding and bring any witnesses that would help your defense. After all the evidence is presented, the prosecution and the defense will be given an opportunity to summarize their respective cases to the Court through a brief statement. Thereafter, the Court will determine your innocence or guilt. If the Court finds you Not Guilty, the case will be dismissed. If you are found Guilty, the Court will impose a penalty.

**NO ADJOURNMENTS OR CONTINUANCES OF ANY PRE-TRIAL
OR TRIAL WILL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT
GOOD CAUSE AND APPROVAL OF THE COURT.**